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Howard yields to pressure for tighter censorship to protect children from psychological harm

Crackdown on violent video films

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Howard last night bowed to parliamentary and public pressure to announce the toughest-ever crackdown on violent videos.

The Home Secretary averted an almost certain Commons defeat by conceding the main demands of a cross-party alliance that has been urging him to bring in tighter laws to stop pornographic and violent films being seen by young children.

It will mean a ban in future on sadistic or gratuitously violent films such as *Child's Play 3*, linked to the James Bulger murder and the torture and murder of a young girl in Manchester, and *Juice*, linked to a murder in Cardiff where a man was kicked to death. There will also be tougher penalties for distributors and retailers who break the law, including prison sentences.

The retreat, one of the most spectacular in a series of climbdowns, came after consultations throughout yesterday by Mr Howard with his Cabinet colleagues, John Major, Opposition politicians and Tory rebels.

It was forced on him by the knowledge that maintaining his hostility to the amendment tabled by David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP, would have resulted in defeat for the Government on the first day of a parliamentary period leading up to the European elections on June 9.

Tony Blair, the shadow Home Secretary, played a key part in the U-turn. He first convinced Mr Howard that without concessions Labour MPs would go into the lobbies with Mr Alton and the Tory rebels. Then he agreed a legislative means of bypassing the objectionable features of the amendment that might have prevented films such as *Schindler's List*, which contain violence but have a serious message, being available for home viewing.



Howard: retreat to avoid Commons defeat

A smiling Mr Alton emerged from a meeting with Mr Howard to say that all his objectives had been met. He withdrew his amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill in the Commons last night after Mr Howard's promise to bring forward the changes in a Government amendment in the House of Lords.

Under the plan the British Board of Film Classification will be obliged by statute to consider before they grant a certificate whether a film is "likely to cause psychological harm" to a child or likely to present "inappropriate role models" to children. These were the tests set by the Alton amendment. But the board will not be required automatically to ban such films, seen as the main defect of the amendment. Instead, the board will have the discretion to ban gratuitously violent films but to allow artistically important films that might contain violence.

Conservative MPs were relieved that the Government had been spared another embarrassment. But they were at a loss to understand why Mr Howard had not come forward with his proposals earlier to avoid yet another Government somersault.

Mr Alton was delighted. He has always claimed that he was seeking only to ban the "ultra-violent" 3 per cent of videos. He said last night he was satisfied that that would be the effect of the concessions.

Under the tougher penalties retailers or distributors who sell or hire unclassified videos will be subject to up to two years' imprisonment. Those who supply 18 certificate films to under-age children will face sentences of up to six months.

Mr Alton said: "The objectives we set out have been reached. There has been useful dialogue between all the political parties and a sensible accommodation has been reached. This shows that public pressure and parliamentary pressure will pay off."

Mr Howard said last night he was delighted to have reached an agreement. He denied that he had suffered a reverse or that the bill was being "mucked about with".

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Liberal Democrat MP David Alton, at the centre of the debate on film violence and pornography, in a South London video shop yesterday

'From now on we are going to cut more'

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FEATURE films available for home rental or purchase will contain less violence, sex and anti-social behaviour under the Government's compromise agreement yesterday on the Alton amendment.

James Ferman, director of the British Board of Film Classification, acknowledged last night that too many children had access to videos that were classified only for adult viewing. "From now on, we are going to have to cut more and classify higher. Films that would previously have been 15 will be 18, and some of those that would have had an 18 certificate may not be given a video licence at all," he said. Mr Ferman said he was delighted that Mr Alton had decided to withdraw his amendment that would have outlawed home viewing of all videos deemed unsuitable for children.

The crucial factor for the film industry was that the board had retained its discretion to judge a film's violent content against its artistic merit. "I have a rock-solid guarantee from [Home Secretary] Michael Howard that we will retain discretion. There was a black moment on Monday morning when I thought we would lose it. Without it we could never have reached agreement," he said.

If the tough new video censorship rules are incorporated into the Video Recordings Act as statutory obligations on the board, they will apply only to new releases. Mr Ferman said. These are likely to include some aspects of Mr Alton's requirements that films available for viewing at home do not present an inappropriate model for children, and are not likely to cause psychological harm to a child.

Censors will also have to give greater consideration to scenes that might incite young people to imitate crime or glorify violence, and to films that might teach criminal techniques. "We will have to pay more heed to the fact that films might contain inappropriate lessons for children," Mr Ferman said. A huge public education campaign was now needed, he said, to teach parents about the importance of supervising their children's viewing habits. Mr Ferman suggested that nothing short of a campaign through television advertisements, backed up with educational films and information packs, would do. "Until adults from dysfunctional families who have no idea how to be parents can be educated to guide their children's viewing, these new measures will not work," he added.

Lavinia Carey, director of the British Video Association, which represents distributors and rights owners in the UK, said that attention needed now to be focused on the illegal trade in unclassified videos at markets, car boot sales and street corners. "This trade is worth billions of pounds a year and needs to be stamped out," she said.

The Institute of Trading Standards Administration, whose members are responsible for monitoring the trade in illegal videos, welcomed the measures, which are likely to increase their powers. "Any increase in the deterrent factor is to be welcomed," declared a spokesman.

However, Professor Elizabeth Newson, a child psychologist and the author of a report linking violent videos with actual violence, said the Government crackdown on video nasties could be "too little, too late".

Labour MP Bob Cryer dies in motorway crash

BY JILL SHERMAN AND BILL FROST

BOB Cryer, MP for Bradford South and one of Labour's most effective and dogged parliamentarians, was killed in a car crash yesterday. His wife, Ann, received minor scratches when the car overturned on the M1 and was in shock.

Mr Cryer, 59, was driving back to Westminster from his constituency when the accident occurred near the junction for Watford, in Hertfordshire. The MP's Rover is thought to have crashed through a barrier and ended up on a grass verge.

With MPs learning today when the Eastleigh by-election will be held, Mr Cryer's death will lead to a further electoral obstacle for the Prime Minister. The MP had a 4,902 majority over the Conservatives at the last election.

Warm tributes flowed in for Mr Cryer, who was regarded as a champion of the underprivileged and was almost continuously in the Commons. Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, said: "He was one of the few true socialists left in the Labour party."

John Smith, the Labour leader, described Mr Cryer as an, "indefatigable socialist, a man of tenacious integrity and a fine Parliamentarian". He said: "He did not worry about being in a minority if he thought the cause was right and his sense of purpose earned him the respect of many who did share his judgements."

Greg Knight, a Government whip, said: "Although I did not agree with his politics, I admired his political skills. He was one of the most effective backbench MPs and an excellent parliamentarian."



Cryer: a champion of the under-privileged

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Serb threat to Nato planes

The Bosnian Serb army commander General Ratko Mladic yesterday threatened to shoot down Nato jets as Russia reacted with fury to air strikes on Serbs at Gorazde.

But John Major said that the United Nations would not shrink from new air strikes, while President Clinton tried to assuage Russian wrath as President Yeltsin said in Madrid: "The task there cannot be resolved by force. It will be war for ever".

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Stewart century boosts England

Alec Stewart yesterday became the first England batsman to score two centuries in a Test match against West Indies. He achieved the feat in the fourth Test at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados. Stewart's performance greatly enhanced England's chances of victory.

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Murders linked to sex attack on girls

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

POLICE investigating the mutilation and murder of an elderly couple in west London yesterday questioned two girls who are believed to have been repeatedly sexually assaulted by the killer.

The girls, aged 14 and 18, had been kidnapped and sexually assaulted elsewhere before being forced into the flat where the bodies were found and attacked again.

They were yesterday being gently coaxed into reliving the two-hour sequence of events, which has appalled a community already accustomed to violent crime.

The death of the Hindu couple, Madhavji Ambasna, 82, and his wife Diwali, 73, brings the number of killings within a square mile in Hounslow to 12 in five years.

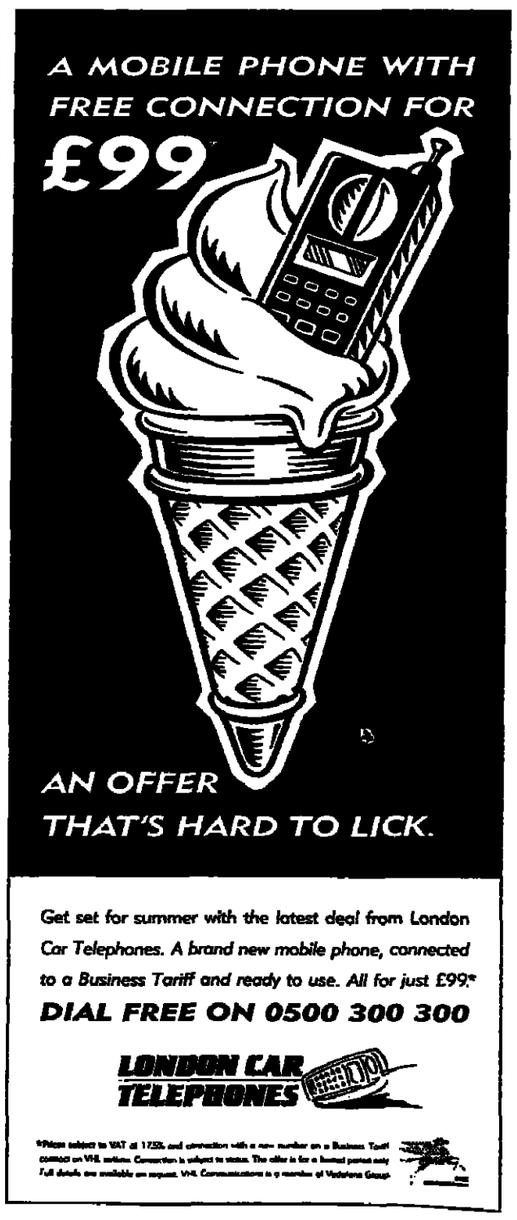
A white man was being questioned by police yesterday about the sexual assaults and the murders. Another man was also helping detectives with enquiries. Neither had any connection with the murdered couple. Det Supt Roland Heming, who is leading the investigation, said: "It is quite an involved enquiry."

The two girls, both white, were led away at 9pm on Monday from a Chinese takeaway in Cromwell Road, Hounslow, by a man in his mid 20s who was a stranger to them.

Under threat, they were taken to a number of addresses near by and subjected to serious sexual assaults. The man then forced them to go to a third-floor flat in a tower block in Benson Close. There he again sexually assaulted the girls before abandoning them in an extremely distressed state.

At first they were too frightened to leave but one girl summoned up the courage to go out and call for help. The caretaker of the flats then went upstairs to rescue the other girl. He looked into the lounge

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Virgin sells a third of its seats to American airline

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways has done a deal with Delta Air that means the American airline will block-buy up to 100 seats — a third of the capacity — on every Virgin flight out of Heathrow. The number of Virgin flights to New York could increase from three to five a day.

Delta Air Lines, America's third-largest carrier, has been denied access to Heathrow by the failure of the British and American governments to reach an air transport accord. Under the new deal, worth £100 million a year, it will feed Virgin with passengers to and from its United States domestic network but set its own ticket prices.

The agreement will let Virgin's passengers book through-services to 200 destinations in America served by Delta. Business travellers will qualify for frequent flyer miles whether they are flying on Virgin or Delta planes.

The deal, signed yesterday in London by Richard Branson, founder and chairman of Virgin, and Ronald Allen, Delta's chairman, paves the way for a settlement to the long-running dispute between the British and United States governments over competition on transatlantic routes. Rehearsing his sales pitch to the British and American governments, which must give their approval to the deal, Mr Allen said: "This arrangement is fully in the interests of the travelling public." Mr Branson said the deal would "give passengers a much better deal".

Virgin will gain all the benefits BA won in its link-up with USAir, America's fourth-biggest carrier, but without the costs. BA spent £267 million to acquire a 24.6 per cent stake in USAir, but has put plans for further investment on ice after USAir slipped into the red.

Delta will purchase a designated percentage of seats on London-bound Virgin flights from Los Angeles, New York, Newark, Miami, San Francisco, Orlando and Boston. Delta will continue to use its own aircraft to offer services from Gatwick to Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit and Miami.

The airlines hope to begin their partnership by November.

Any increase in the number of Virgin departures to New York is likely to involve Mr Branson in a battle for take-off slots at the world's busiest airport.

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Truth is snookered by questions over sanity

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Tanned MPs returned yesterday to the Commons Chamber to find that the wall-mounted monitors had been tarted up. Screens now announce the business in white lettering on a green baize background. And the point between the figures for the hour and the minute pulsates. The impression is of watching on television a dead moment in an unusually dull snooker match.

But not half as dull as what occurs on the floor beneath. Wearily we ground back into another Tuesday, another run of futile non-questions cued by MPs — to miss and rebound limply off the cushion, the PM then cueing a pointless shot in reply, missing, too, and snookering himself. And, just when you think Major's game is sunk, his opponent pots the cue-ball by mistake — and the contest, such as it is, resumes.

Neither the PM nor Margaret Beckett, deputising for John Smith, makes any serious pretence at enjoying it. Aware that she was obliged to cue-off with the forthcoming local government elections, she hacked her way joylessly through a question about Westminster council. How had Michael Portillo, Mr Major's Chief Secretary, the cheek to appear at the launch of the Westminster Tories' campaign, when everyone knew ... corruption ... sale of cemeteries ... blah, etc? John Major was wearing a new pink shirt for the occasion, but nothing could refresh it. Asked about Westminster, he replied to a question that nobody had asked, about Birmingham.

Birmingham. "One has no great hopes from Birmingham," Jane Austen wrote, nearly two centuries ago. "I always say there is something direful in the sound." There remained something direful in the sound in 1994. "I had the pleasure yesterday," Mr Major intoned with all the zing of a cold egg custard, "of spending some time in Birmingham ..." How dare Beckett speak of Westminster when Labour had made a mess of Birmingham ... wasteful spending ... blah, etc?

Asked about Labour Birmingham, Mrs Beckett responded to a point Mr Major had not made, about Tory corruption. Words like "standards" and "purse strings" bounced harmlessly off the cushion. How, she wondered, could Mr Portillo grace such moral squalor with his presence?

Asked about Portillo, the PM responded to an enquiry he had not received, about the identity of other sleazy and incompetent Labour councils. He did not bother to list them. "My hon friends behind me are calling out their names," he said, summarily.

Asked about Labour sleaze, Mrs Beckett turned her attention to Tory election prospects. Asked about Conservative prospects, the Prime Minister trotted out a couple of prepared slogans about Labour council tax bills ... And the "angry exchanges" (as the media will term it) were over.

Over Easter, your sketch-writer had the distressing experience of trying to converse with someone who was, sadly, mentally ill. A feature of these conversations is that, no matter what you say, the other person replies on a completely different subject. They seem to think that if a remark takes the form of a response, then a response it is. On the basis of Mr Major's and Mrs Beckett's exchange yesterday, they should both be sectioned.

Later, *à propos* of not very much, Mr Major congratulated Sir John Gielgud on his ninetieth birthday, commending his recent *Lear*. There is something to be said for calling a truce on angry exchanges, and asking Mr Major, instead, to read out birthday requests.

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'Speaking as a mother, I hope they gave him what they gave my daughter'

UVF avenges mistaken murder of Protestant

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST paramilitaries in Belfast yesterday shot dead a man they claimed was responsible for the murder of a young Protestant woman at an illegal drinking den in the city last week.

Gunmen from the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force killed Ian Hamilton, 21, who was wanted by police in connection with the murder of Margaret Wright, 31, who was battered and shot by a mob at a club in a Loyalist area of south Belfast after being mistaken for a Roman Catholic.

Hamilton's body was found slumped against railings near a playing field in the Loyalist Shankill area of Belfast early yesterday morning.

In a statement last night, the UVF said that he was a member of the organisation and had been picked up by its "internal security". He had shot Miss Wright twice in the head and back. The statement claimed Hamilton had said he was well treated before his death.

Miss Wright's mother, Evelyn, said last night that Hamilton deserved to be killed. Speaking at her home on the Protestant Glencairn estate in north Belfast, which is less than a mile from Hamilton's family home, she said: "I condemn all violence but, speaking as a mother, I am glad to see him dead. I hope they gave him what they gave my daughter. The people who murdered Margaret are demonised men — they are Satan's disciples."

Mrs Wright, who has received hundreds of letters of support from Protestants and Catholics, added: "Prison would have been too easy for him. He would just have come out and boasted about what he did."

She was also heartened that the Meridi Street club, where her daughter was murdered, was demolished yesterday. Mrs Wright, who is a born again Christian, said: "Margaret may have done more in her own death than in her life. If she brings a little peace, she will not have died in vain."

The killing of Miss Wright, who suffered from epilesy, at the drinking club in the Village area of the city was gruesome even by the standards of Northern Ireland. She was taken into a side room at the club shortly after midnight last Wednesday by up to six people, where she was beaten and shot. Her body was bundled into a wheelie bin and pushed to a derelict house a quarter of a mile away where, shortly before 2.30am, it was dumped over a wall. Police had to knock down the wall to recover the body.

Protestants and Catholics united in condemning the killing, which revived memories of some of Ulster's most brutal murders in the early 1970s. Within days of Miss Wright's death the UVF and the Ulster Freedom Fighters, the other main Loyalist paramilitary organisation, ordered the closure of all drinking dens in their areas. The UVF said that anyone involved in the murder "should not, and would not, be regarded as a Loyalist".

Locals in the Village area yesterday joined Mrs Wright in welcoming the destruction of the Meridi Street club, which was described by a priest at Miss Wright's funeral as a "stench in the nostrils of decency". One man, who watched as a bulldozer knocked down the drab looking hall, said: "We're here to make sure this hall is knocked down. If they don't do it, we will ourselves, even if we have to use our bare hands."

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CRISPIN RODWELL



Police scientists recover the body of Ian Hamilton, shot dead by the UVF for the murder of Margaret Wright



Margaret Wright: she was beaten and shot

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britons abducted by Cambodian gunmen

A British man and woman in their 20s have been abducted from their home in Cambodia by gunmen who stopped their taxi and ordered them out, the Foreign Office confirmed last night. The couple and an Australian woman who was travelling with them were kidnapped 100 miles from the capital, Phnom Penh.

As diplomats tried to discover their fate, a spokesman at the British mission in Phnom Penh said: "They were taken from their car, bundled off and their taxi driver sent on his way." The Foreign Office in London declined to identify them but it is understood they run a restaurant in Sihanoukville, where they were returning after buying food in Phnom Penh for the Khmer new year holiday.

The mission denied unconfirmed reports of a $10,000 (£6,750) ransom demand. The Foreign Office has advised visitors not to travel after dark in Cambodia, where bands of Khmer Rouge guerrillas, based in the Elephant Mountains, are operating. The incident follows the abduction of an American aid worker last month.

Neutron bomb claim

Russia has developed a neutron bomb the size of a coffee mug that can kill everything within a 600-yard radius, scientists will claim on Channel 4's *Dispatches* tonight. The Russians are said to have developed a compound called red mercury with 300 times the explosive power of TNT with alarming potential for terrorist use. However, Western intelligence agencies have insisted the substance, available on the black market for up to £300,000 a tonne, is a hoax. The programme claims there is growing evidence that red mercury is made at formerly secret factories in the Urals.

Factory's child labour

Children as young as 11 have been found working in a backstreet factory making fake designer jeans, trading standards officers disclosed. They were part of what is believed to be a multi-million-pound operation producing counterfeit Giorgio Armani and Paul Smith designs, which can sell for up to £80 a pair. The operation was discovered in raids on two units in an old mill in Preston, Lancashire, at the weekend. Jim Potts, a Lancashire trading standards officer, said at least six children aged between 11 and 14 were found at the factory.

MP criticises police

Police investigating the intensive care unit at Bassetlaw General Hospital where vital equipment was allegedly sabotaged were criticised yesterday by Joe Ashton, the local Labour MP. Detectives have identified 16 separate incidents affecting five patients, two of whom later died. Police said there was no evidence linking the deaths with tampering. Mr Ashton said they should charge someone quickly. "They have admitted something suspicious happened and all this speculation is hardly fair to the hospital staff and relatives of people involved," he said.

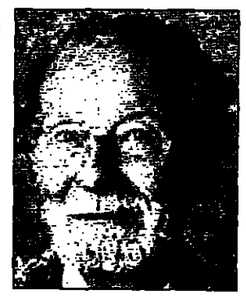
Earl sues newspapers

Earl Spencer has issued libel writs against two national newspapers over reports that he had business links with Darius Guppy, serving five years in prison for his part in a £1.8 million insurance fraud. The Princess of Wales's brother has issued writs against the *Daily Express* and *Today* newspapers, his solicitor Simon Ekins said. The Earl, who was at Oxford with Guppy, issued a statement last weekend denying any knowledge of Guppy's business affairs or the whereabouts of millions of pounds police believe to be salted away in various banks abroad.

Officer wins race payout

A black detective has won compensation from Cambridgeshire police after complaining of racial discrimination. Det Con Barry Thompson, whose case was to be heard by an industrial tribunal, settled for an undisclosed sum after Chief Constable Ben Gunn admitted there had been deficiencies in the way the officer had been treated.

Major toasts Gielgud



John Major yesterday paid tribute to Sir John Gielgud, left, who is 90 today. He told the Commons: "I gather those who did hear his remarkable King Lear over the weekend regard it as one of the finest." Gyles Brandreth, MP for Chester, said his career exemplified the importance of film and theatre to Britain's standing in the world.

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BBC licence fee ruling

The BBC has drawn up new guidelines to ensure that income from its television licence fee is not used to help finance its commercial activities in contravention of both European Union law and its own royal charter. An "arm's length" relationship would be set up between the BBC's main body and its commercial dealings. Media, page 22

Psychopath on the run

Police fear that a murderer on the run after escaping from a prison escort could kill again. Scotland Yard described John Massey, 45, as a psychopath and warned the public not to approach him. Massey, serving a life sentence for a killing in 1976, fled from two prison officers while visiting his sick father in Chalk Farm, north London, on Monday.

Lager lout survey

Travellers are to be questioned about their behaviour abroad in an attempt to find out what turns respectable men and women into sex-crazed lager louts when they see a hot beach. The interviews, financed by the Medical Research Council, will be conducted among holidaymakers returning through Glasgow airport and railway station.

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Health fears may prompt return of free dental checks

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FREE NHS dental checks may be reintroduced in exchange for a sharp increase in other patient charges.

Dental treatment charges could rise for fee-paying patients who would then pay the full cost of their treatment. At present, charges are set at 80 per cent of the cost of the treatment, the rest being paid by the Government.

A Green Paper on the future of dentistry, due to be published in the summer, recommends that the £3.92 charge for a dental check should be reduced, but does not suggest that it should be eliminated. However, ministers are understood to be considering a return to free checks because of concern that patients most in need of dental care are being deterred from seeking treatment. Free dental checks were withdrawn in 1990, but an all-party Commons Health Select Committee urged their reintroduction last June.

Ministers for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, where dental health is poorer than in England, are understood to have argued that the impact of higher charges must be softened if patients there are not to suffer.

At a meeting with representatives of the British Dental Association on Monday, Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, promised that dentistry would remain within the NHS and would not be privatised like the optical service. Even if patients paid 100 per cent of their treatment cost, the charges would be capped within the NHS and a ceiling set on the maximum a patient would have to pay.

If charges increase, the cost of a basic filling would rise from £8.30 to £10.40, a crown from £60 to £75 and bridgework from £180 to £225. Publication of the Green Paper was expected last month, but is now unlikely before the European elections in June.

Seven million child patients and about one in four adults are exempt from dental charges.

☐ A further 6,000 hospital consultants are needed if patient safety is to be guaranteed, junior doctors claimed yesterday. The call follows the unexplained death of Alan Massie, 27, a junior hospital doctor who worked 80-hour weeks. Pathologists are trying to discover the cause of his death, which his parents believe was from exhaustion.

Dr Edwin Borman, chairman of the British Medical Assoication's junior doctors' committee, said long hours worked by junior medics could lead to errors in the treatment of patients.

'Zeebrugge law' reform call

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

REFORMS to the law so prosecutions can be brought more easily against big companies which cause disasters such as the Zeebrugge ferry capsize were urged by the Law Commission today.

There have only been three prosecutions for manslaughter against corporations in English law and none has resulted in a conviction, the Law Commission says in a consultation paper.

It suggests a new offence that would make it easier to prosecute companies whose actions lead to great loss of life. At present the law requires that an individual director or company manager who is himself guilty of manslaughter must be identified, the commission says. But this might not be possible in a case where death is caused, because "there was nobody in the company who was thinking clearly about the safety aspects of the company's operations", the commission says.

The case against P&O Ferries failed after the Zeebrugge disaster because no senior personnel could be shown to have realised that the way the ship was operated created a risk, the commission notes.

It proposes that in cases of corporate liability for manslaughter the question would be whether the actions, or inaction, by the corporation, not by any individual, amounted to an offence under a new general law of negligent manslaughter. The commission suggests a maximum penalty of 10 years.

☐ *Law Commission; consultation paper no 135: Involuntary Manslaughter* (Stationery Office £9.95 and a summary, *Overview*, £3.25)

Murders

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and saw the bodies of the couple, who had been stabbed to death and sexually mutilated. Nothing appears to have been stolen from their home.

"It is a horrific attack on two young girls and a very serious knife attack on these two unfortunate old people," Mr Heming said. "I am keeping an open mind on the exact motive. It is rather intriguing how these two girls, who to my knowledge have no connection at all with these old people, ended up in that flat."

The teenagers were allowed home after questioning on Monday night and were being looked after by Metropolitan Police chaperones who are specially trained to assist in sex cases. They were questioned again yesterday.

The murdered couple were born in India. Mr Ambasna, who worked as a carpenter in Kenya, moved to Britain with his wife more than 20 years ago to join their daughters who were already here.

They were in poor health and rarely left their council flat except to attend religious meetings in friends' homes or to worship at a temple in Southall. They were helped with shopping and chores by friends and family. Their daughters and grandchildren lived locally.

The flats are protected by a telephone entry system, but the couple may have allowed a stranger to enter because they spoke little English.

A neighbour, Stephanie Woolley, said she had heard a young girl scream at 10pm on Monday. "It was quite short. It came from the tower block, definitely." Ms Woolley, 30, said.

At 10.45pm she saw police around the tower while out walking her dog. "I saw the police come out with a girl. She did look like she was very on edge and upset."

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'These families have been living the life of Riley, wildly above any conceivable legitimate means'

Bank sues for return of stolen £600,000

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THREE families from Essex who lived the life of Riley on up to £600,000 allegedly stolen from the Bank of England's note destruction depot faced unprecedented legal action from the Bank to recover the money yesterday.

The prime mover in the plan was Christine Gibson, 44, who smuggled out £20 and £50 notes at night by stuffing them in her bra and pants and hiding them in her locker, the High Court was told. At the end of the shift, the money would be taken out of the depot in Debden, Essex, and divided among friends.

Anthony Boswood QC, counsel for the Bank of England, said: "There is an extraordinary Essex flavour about this case. It can be seen that these three families have been living the life of Riley, wildly above any conceivable legitimate means."

Mrs Gibson, a group leader at the plant, Kenneth Longman and Michael Nairne, 39, all from Loughton, Essex, systematically stole cash, Mr Boswood said. Now the Bank wants its £600,000 back, with interest, he told Judge Rudd yesterday.

Mrs Gibson's annual take-home pay was £14,600. Her husband Peter, 47, was not known ever to have done an honest day's work in his life, Mr Boswood said.

The couple were said to have had a Mitsubishi Shogun and a Vauxhall Frontera, together worth £34,000, two motorcycles, various items of jewellery and no mortgage.

Police took an interest in their fortunes after Mr Gibson went to invest £100,000 with the Reliance Mutual Insurance Society in Ilford early in 1992. In May, they searched the homes of all three couples, and those of Kevin Winwright, another bank employee, and his mother. They found £30,000 in cash at the Winrights' homes and £600 in Mrs Nairne's underwear drawer. A few weeks later, Mr Nairne went to the office with £30,000 in £20 and £50 notes.

Mr Nairne was later to say the money came from cash hidden in a carrier bag behind the cooker at his late father's flat. He also said his mother had given him £15,000 from her earnings as a home-help.

All three couples were arrested, together with Mr Winwright. Only Mr Winwright, of Writtle, Essex, was prosecuted, the court was told.

The money was stolen fromcages containing the notes to be destroyed at the plant where Mrs Gibson worked. The cages were secured by two padlocks, one white and one black. Mrs Gibson had a key that opened all black padlocks, but she sometimes managed to ensure that the second padlock was also black, although disguised as a white one.

While Mr Winwright kept the guards talking, Mrs Gibson and Mr Nairne, a manual worker, would remove some of the cash. Mr Longman was involved in two chance thefts that netted him at least £150,000, Mr Boswood said.

The bank is suing Mr and Mrs Gibson; Mr Longman and his wife Janet; and Mr Nairne and his wife Sharon. Its action against Mr Winwright and his wife Patricia has been settled and Mr Winwright will give evidence on the bank's behalf. He has served an 18-month sentence imposed in January last year for stealing £170,000 in notes.

The hearing continues.

BOB COLLIER



Christine and Peter Gibson leaving the High Court yesterday. Three couples are being sued for the return of £600,000 plus interest

Gypsy gang tricked old out of £260,000

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A GANG of gypsy workmen tricked elderly people out of more than £260,000 over nine months, a court was told yesterday. They charged 16 pensioners large sums for shoddy, unnecessary work on driveways and roofs, sometimes taking the victims to collect the cash. They tricked one man out of his home.

Ten men and one woman were appearing for sentence at Winchester Crown Court after pleading guilty or being convicted of 34 offences of theft, obtaining property by deception and handling stolen goods.

Anthony Donne, for the prosecution, said: "The victims were decent, trusting, sometimes naive, people. They were systematically stripped of their savings by men who showed no mercy."

Mr Donne said Mark Kempster, 28, who admitted 20 offences, was the ringleader of the operation and in less than nine months had deposited £100,000 in his wife's building society accounts.

Mr Donne said: "Confused victims were taken to banks and building societies by the unscrupulous men to withdraw vast sums of money in cash to pay for unnecessary and sub-standard work."

Lady Cohen, 71, a widow who has since died, had been charged more than £15,000 to have her drive sloppily surfaced with tar.

Albert Dundee, 79, of Botley, Hampshire, had lost his home when he agreed to sell it for £19,000, less than half its value, and was then tricked out of the money.

Kempster had told Olivia Watson, a widow of 89, from Pennington, Hampshire, that slates on her roof needed replacing. Later he told her there was woodworm in the beams and everything needed renewing at a cost of £14,800. He hired a builder for £3,600 and kept the balance. Mrs Watson was driven in one of the gypsies' lorries to her building society for the cash.

The defendants, all from Southampton, are Kempster; James King, 23; Sonny James, 50; his son Stephen James, 28; Barry Smith, 31; his mother Jean Smith, 51; Richard Cooper, 34; Martin Rogers, 48; Woodrow Ruber, 35; Stephen Randall, 26; John Doyle, 50.

The hearing continues.

Miss Leather helped boss to buy his wife's lingerie

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN employee who claims she was sexually harassed by her boss went shopping with him for lingerie and a risqué birthday card, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Carol Leather, 32, said she helped Dr Ian Coates to buy underwear for his wife's birthday and took his advice on buying a card for a male friend with a rude sexual message.

Miss Leather was a trainee patent agent with William Jones, a firm which helps to protect copyright on logos and trademarks. The tribunal has been told that she became so upset about harassment from Dr Coates, 45, that she was transferred from the company's headquarters in Norwich to the York office.

Six months later she decided to quit after being given the choice of returning to head office or leaving. She is claiming unfair dismissal at the Leeds tribunal after a claim for sexual discrimination was ruled out of time.

Miss Leather, who now lives in Reading, Berkshire, said that in September 1992 she and Dr Coates had been discussing what he should buy for his wife's birthday.



Leather: denied asking boss into her bedroom

She said they decided on underwear but could not remember whose idea it was. The pair then went to a lingerie shop and she helped him choose and also bought something for herself.

Miss Leather denied a claim that once, when Dr Coates arrived at her flat to give her a lift to a meeting, she asked him into the bedroom to look for a lost item of jewellery.

Miss Leather earlier told the tribunal that Dr Coates once ran his hand down her leg to see if she was wearing underwear. "Ian reached out with his right hand and ran his hand down my left thigh," she said.

She claimed he trapped her in a conversation at a Christmas party which "didn't leave much to the imagination". She has also claimed she was sexually harassed by three of her firm's clients.

William Jones, the senior partner in the company, told the tribunal he thought that while Miss Leather was clever and motivated, she was also insecure and nervous.

He said she complained to him about certain clients saying they did not treat her in a professional manner. He added: "I found it hard to reconcile the impression she clearly set out to give of a mature independent career-minded professional with her apparent inability to deal with these sorts of things if indeed it was happening.

"She seemed genuinely not to understand why men should look at her in this way. She would say 'Is there anything I am doing wrong professionally?'"

The case was adjourned until August.

Van driver accused of killing girls

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE trial opens today of a 47-year-old man accused of the kidnap and murder of three schoolgirls and the abduction of a fourth.

Robert Black, a Scottish-born van driver living in north London, faces nine charges at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court relating to the deaths of Susan Maxwell, 11, Caroline Hogg, 5, and Sarah Harper, 10. He is also accused of kidnapping Theresa Thornhill, then 18.

Susan Maxwell disappeared in July 1982 near her home in Cornhill on Tweed, Northumberland.. Her body was found 200 miles away near the A518 at Loxley Green, Staffordshire.

Caroline Hogg was last seen alive at a fairground at Portobello, Edinburgh, in July 1983. Her body was found in a ditch by the A444 at Twycross, Leicestershire.

Sarah Harper disappeared in March 1986 close to her home in Morley, near Leeds. Her body was found a month afterwards in the river Trent at Wilford, Nottinghamshire.

Theresa Thornhill was allegedly dragged into a car at Radford, Nottinghamshire, in April 1988 but escaped.

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Gangland teenager hurt in shooting

BY KATE ALDERSON

A TEENAGER shot during a car chase in Manchester, and now under police guard in hospital, is a member of one of the city's notorious gangs, police confirmed yesterday.

Laurence Brown, 18, who walked free from an attempted murder charge last year, is recovering in Manchester Royal Infirmary after being shot in the chest on Monday night in Moss Side. Greater Manchester Police confirmed that he is a member of the Gooch gang, which bases its drug and gun activity on the Alexandra Park estate where the shooting took place.

The attack on Mr Brown has shattered a period of relative calm on Moss Side. Reports of shootings had decreased sharply during the past year. During the second half of 1993 there were 12 shootings but so far this year there had been only two, one of which was fatal.

Fr Phil Sumner, a local priest, said: "People close to the gangs have told me that members want to distance themselves from shootings, mainly because it deters drug buyers coming into the area."

Mr Brown, who was still too ill to speak to police last night, was charged after a shooting incident in November. The case was dropped when the two victims indicated that they would not give evidence.

Det Chief Insp Jim Smith said the motive for his attack was not clear. "However, Brown is associated with the Gooch gang, which could mean his attacker was a defined enemy," he said.

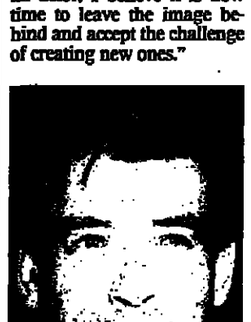
Dalton hands in his licence to kill

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

THE actor Timothy Dalton has surrendered his licence to kill and quit the role of James Bond only months before filming starts on the latest 007 film.

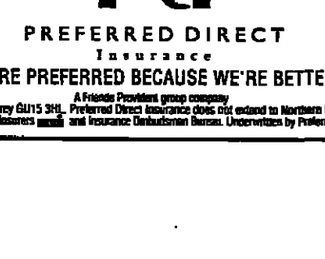
The script for the seventeenth Bond adventure has not been completed and does not have a title. It is the second not to be based on an Ian Fleming novel. Bookmakers make the Irish actor Pierce Brosnan, 41, 2-1 favourite to take over the role.

Dalton, 48, who played Bond twice, said the producer of the Bond films, Albert "Cubby" Broccoli, had wanted him to stay. "It has been six years since the last James Bond film and eight years of worldwide identification with the 007 image," he said. "As an actor, I believe it is now time to leave the image behind and accept the challenge of creating new ones."



Brosnan: favourite to take over Bond role

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Widow in tears as killer jailed for three years

By Adam Fresco

A WIDOW who took out a private prosecution against a drunk driver who killed her husband was distraught yesterday after seeing him sentenced to three years by the Old Bailey. The maximum sentence is five years.

Allyson Burgess, 33, started private proceedings against Dean Ryan, 26, after he drove *through a red light and killed* her husband Martin in January last year. She was so unhappy that the Crown Prosecution Service charged him with causing death by careless driving that she began proceedings for manslaughter.

Mrs Burgess claims that the CPS, which took over the manslaughter charge half an hour before it was due in court and let it lie on file, upgraded the original charge only because she had forced its hand.

Before the case Mrs Burgess said she expected Ryan to be sentenced to the maximum five years. She claimed that she had been blocked at every turn by the CPS when she tried to bring the private prosecution. "I had to go against the CPS as well as the defendant. At every turn it blocked me. I have been disgusted by the CPS. I was not even told the dates of the hearings. I had to keep ringing the courts myself to find out when they were. The time I spent fighting the system to get justice should have been time spent with my children."

The court was told at an earlier hearing that Ryan, of Edmonton, north London, had drunk four or five pints of lager, more than double the legal limit, but was not charged with drunk driving because of a technical error in the way that the blood test was taken. He was disqualified from driving and uninsured when he crashed into Mr Burgess's car in Enfield, north London. Mr Burgess, a British Gas engineer, died a few hours after the accident.

In sentencing, Mr Justice Sachs told Ryan, who had been found guilty last month: "By any standards your behaviour on that day was craven and you showed utter *irresponsibility, and as a con*sequence a human life was lost and all the ravages that causes."

Mrs Burgess, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, has spent £15,000 launching the private prosecution and Mr Justice Sachs awarded her costs out of central funds. *Martin Smith, her solicitor* said: "This usually means you only get between a half and two thirds of what you have spent. There has now got to be a squabble as to what she should be allowed."

Robert Rhodes QC, for the defence, told the court that Ryan had gone through a set of lights that had been red for only two seconds. "Any offence of causing death by dangerous driving is a serious offence, but this is by no means the worst of its kind. It was a decision to try to beat the lights. It went disastrously wrong."

Mr Smith said after the case that the CPS had asked for a meeting to see if any mistakes that had been made could be corrected.



Martin Burgess: hit by car that jumped lights



Ryan: more than twice the legal alcohol limit

JAMES HORTON



Allyson Burgess, right, arriving at the Old Bailey supported by a friend yesterday

Watchdog condemns 'no diet' slim ads

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

ADVERTISEMENTS for slimming products that claim to help people to lose weight with "no dieting and no exercise" have been censured by the Advertising Standards Authority.

The authority said yesterday that more than 64 per cent of slimming advertisements in newspapers and magazines in January were being investigated or had been in breach of its code of practice: the only way for a person to lose weight is by eating fewer calories than they use in exercise.

Advertisements which provoke disapproval include those for figure improvement by cosmetic surgery which imply that treatments such as liposuction are simple and permanent. The authority condemned "spurious and untested claims for health products".

☐ A television commercial for Sun Valley Chicken Korma Kiev featuring a group of Asian chefs has been dropped after 13 viewers complained to the Independent Television Commission that it was racist.

Victory for teacher sacked at top school

By Robi Dutta

A TEACHER whose sacking from an exclusive girls' school led to a strike by sixth-formers, won an undisclosed settlement for her dismissal yesterday.

Jenne Davies was dismissed last May from the Royal School in Bath for failing to tell the head teacher, Judith McClure, that a teenage boarder had stayed out overnight.

Mrs Davies, a housemistress and languages teacher, was due to begin a claim for unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal today. But the school governors and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, which represented her, announced yesterday that she had agreed to accept an undisclosed settlement. "The Royal School has agreed to a finding of unfair dismissal in the industrial tribunal without any evidence being advanced," the union said.

The pupil involved was an 18-year-old boarder from Hong Kong who spent a night with her guardians last April without proper permission. Mrs Davies left messages asking her to return to school, although she was confident that the girl was in safe hands. She later punished the student.

Mrs McClure, a former nun nicknamed Jude the Dude for her dress sense by supporters and Curtains by detractors, sacked the teacher because she said she should have been told about the girl's absence as it was her who bore ultimate responsibility for the pupils.

The sacking prompted sixth-formers at the 300-pupil school to hold a sit-down protest and refuse to supervise meal breaks and prep for younger girls. They also sent petitions and letters to their parents and wrote to the board of governors to announce a "withdrawal of duties".



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Race bias 'hampers black Bar students'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

RACIAL discrimination by barristers' chambers is blamed as a partial cause of the significant failure rates among black students seeking to qualify for the Bar.

A report by a committee of enquiry, published yesterday, links the problems that ethnic minority students have in finding post-qualification places in chambers, known as pupillages, and their lack of success in Bar exams.

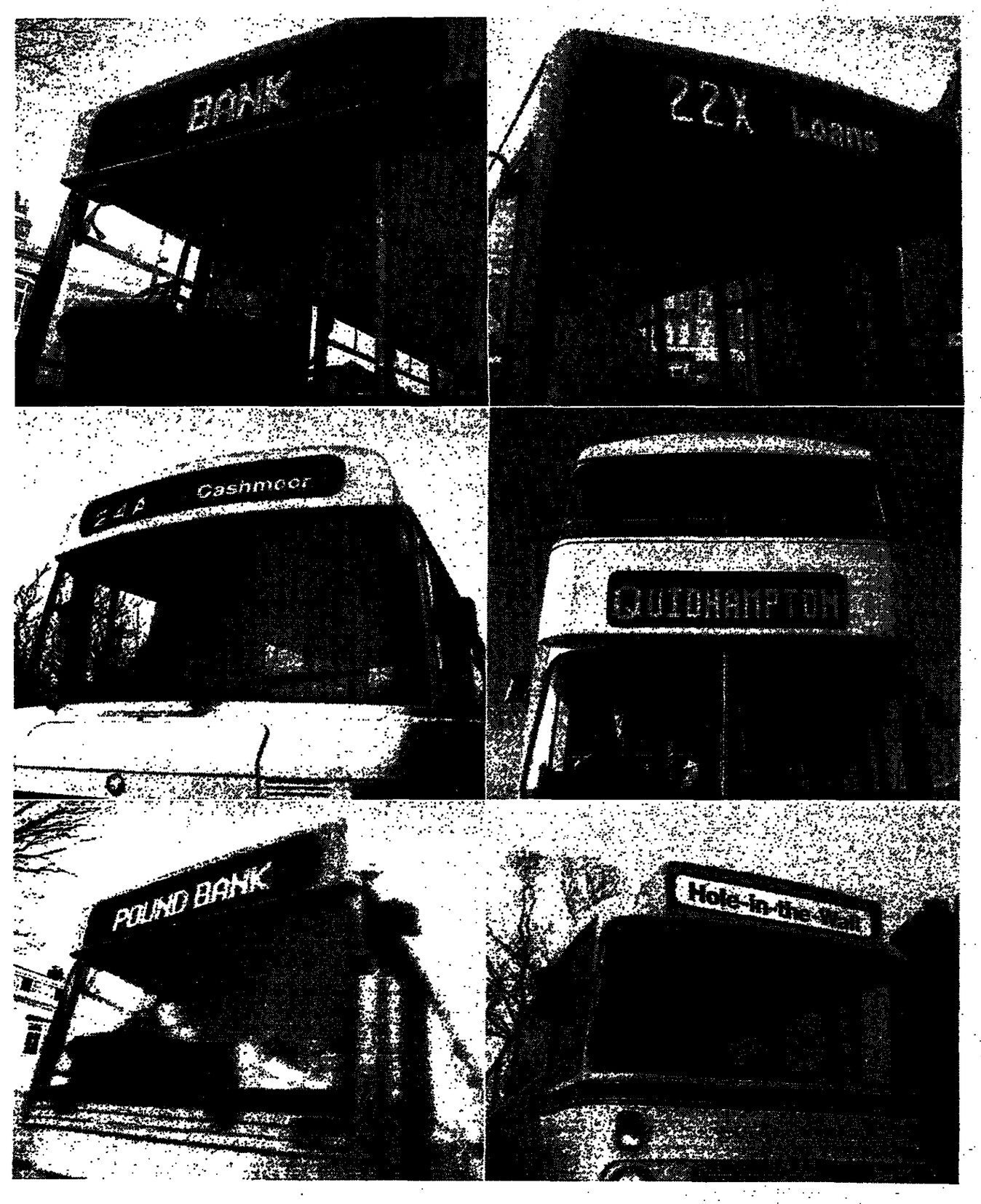
*It also says that the prob*lems faced by ethnic minority students, who suffer a "grave loss of confidence" on their vocational course, may mirror the structure of the Bar as a whole. They feel isolated and socially and financially handicapped, the report says.

It cites the culture of the Inns of Court, which have an atmosphere *familiar only to* those from Oxbridge colleges. Students may endure an "agony of embarrassment" at the prospect of breaching the elaborate rituals at the Inns' compulsory dinners.

"Moreover, the emphasis on chapel, grace and drinks may be off-putting, especially to non-members of the Church of England, teetotallers and vegetarians, no doubt well represented among black and ethnic students."

The committee was set up a year ago by the Council of Legal Education, which runs the Bar law school, after it was found that ethnic minority students were three times as likely to fail their Bar exams.

The Bar Council reacted with concern to the report's conclusions and said it would consider the recommendations carefully.



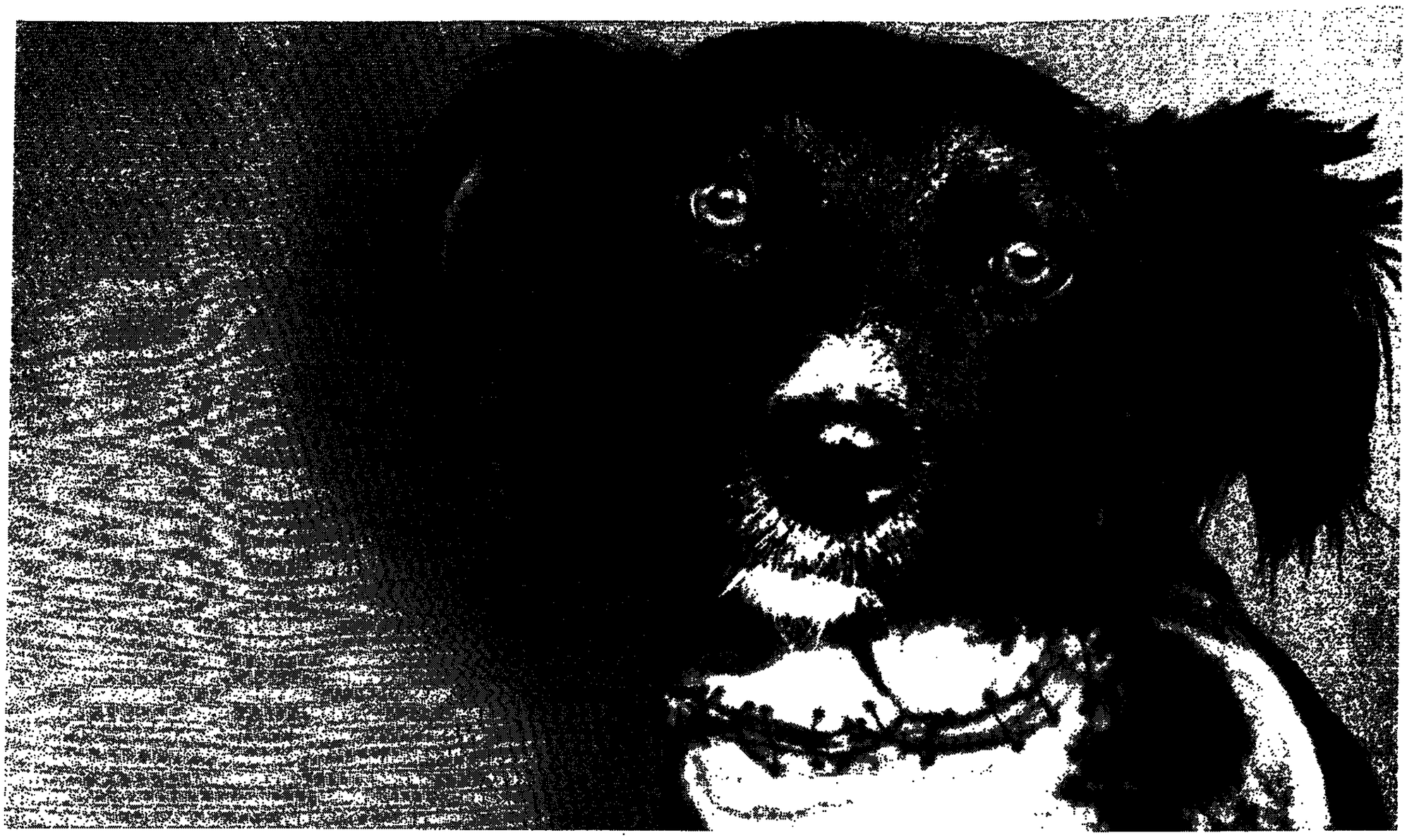
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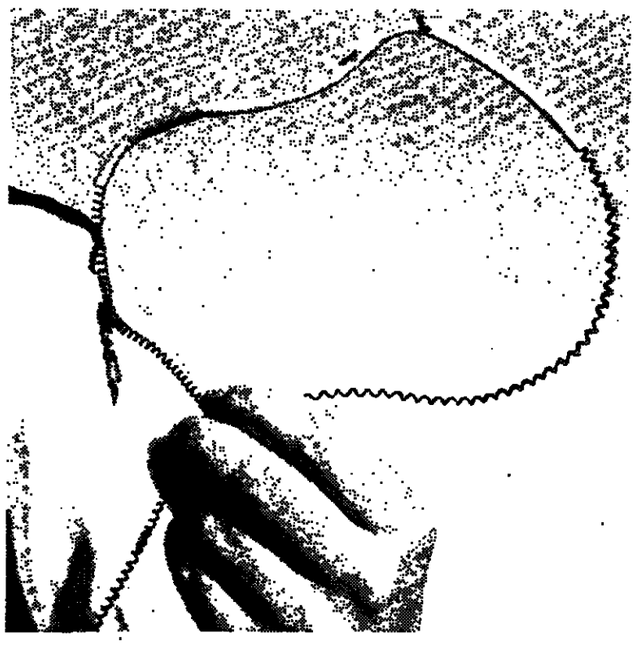
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Woman maimed by chimp vows to carry on work with apes

BY LIN JENKINS

THE volunteer worker who had a finger and thumb bitten off by a chimpanzee at John Aspinall's Port Lympne zoo said yesterday that she would continue to work with apes.

Angelique Todd, 25, a post-graduate zoology student, said she still planned to visit the Congo to see the work being done at Mr Aspinall's gorilla sanctuary. She also hopes to go to the Dian Fossey Foundation's mountain gorilla station at Karisoke in Rwanda, once the bloodshed in the country is over.

Miss Todd became the third victim of Bustah, a 33-year-old chimpanzee, when he pulled her arm through the bars while she was feeding him at the zoo park near Folkestone, Kent. She was savaged for several minutes and released only when a visitor distracted the chimpanzee.

Speaking from hospital, where she was flown after the incident, she said that she did not blame the animal. "I am not angry with Bustah. He must have got overexcited. It will not stop me working with primates."

Five years ago Bustah ripped the arm off Matthew McDaid, aged two, from Eltham, south London. The chimp also bit off a keeper's finger in 1975.

Miss Todd's father, Graham, said in a statement: "Angelique is an amazing girl. She is being incredibly brave about her injuries and is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. We are very proud of her courage and determination."

Miss Todd, a former employee of the zoo, underwent microsurgery for five hours on her right hand and forearm at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, West Sussex, but doctors were unable to re-attach the index finger and thumb. Her condition was described as satisfactory.

Bustah was not to be seen in the chimpanzee compound yesterday. Only one of his two female companions, Bessie and Molli, was playing on the ropes, swinging logs, hammocks and tyres that adorn their enclosure.

A zoo spokesman said Bustah was being kept in for tests before being sent to a wildlife park in South Africa with his two companions. They are past breeding age, and a warmer climate is thought more suitable for them.

While Bustah may not have been on show there were many indications to the public of his character. Above the usual Keep Out notices was the warning: "Bustah, the patriarch of this group, is extremely adept at soaking the public by spitting over them, so beware."

A further notice warned that he was an "intelligent and highly demonstrative ape" with a wide range of gestures and was able to manipulate objects.



Angelique Todd was attacked as she fed Bustah, a 33-year-old chimpanzee

Villagers object to full-frontal onslaught

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A LARGER-than-life sculpture of a naked man with his arms raised has divided a village owned by one of Britain's wealthiest women. Some villagers at Abbotsbury, Dorset, have complained about the statue carved in natural oak and standing about seven feet tall which stands in the garden of the Abbotsbury Studio.

Abbotsbury belongs to the Ilchester estate of Charlotte Morrison, whose wealth is estimated at £50 million.

The statue, by Anthony Radcliffe, a local artist, was originally placed looking down on to the village street, but after residents complained to the estate office the figure was turned to face into the garden.

This modest concession has not satisfied everyone. On one occasion the statue has had a loin cloth wrapped around its offending parts, and on another someone succeeded in sewing a pair of white shorts on to it.



The offending statue: "downright ugly"

Betty Ryland, who lives in Abbotsbury, said: "Our main objection is that it is very intimidating and downright ugly."

John Skinner, who arranged for the statue to be displayed, said: "I have had mostly positive feedback from villagers who admire the piece."

Fake doctor 'examined' woman

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOGUS doctor secretly filmed himself giving an intimate examination to a naked woman, a jury was told yesterday. The woman, 22, claims that she contracted an infection as a result of the illegal examination by Colin Pike, 50.

The woman, a barmaid, told Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London: "He has damaged my life. I have to go through my life not trusting any doctors or anyone again. I have not stopped crying since."

Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution, said that the woman was twice tricked into compromising positions with Mr Pike, who posed as Dr Colin King. He said that Mr Pike conducted the internal examinations "not through any misplaced desire to help the victim but for his own gratification".

Mr Pike, of Romford, Essex, was arrested in April last year and exercised his right of silence, the court was told. He denies two charges of indecent assault on the woman between January 1 and October 6, 1992.

The trial continues today.

NHS trusts fail to keep staff records

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NURSES in some NHS hospitals take an average of more than four weeks' sick leave a year, a health service watchdog said yesterday.

Poor management of NHS trusts is resulting in big variations in performance, with some hospitals doing 50 per cent more work than others, according to the Audit Commission, the independent body that monitors the NHS and local government. Staff turnover rates vary from less than 10 per cent a year to 50 per cent.

If sickness absence for nurses could be cut to about one week a year — the standard in the best quarter of hospitals — the NHS would save £130 million a year, the report says. But many trusts do not keep sickness records for all staff and give scant attention to staff selection and motivation.

A survey of 400 staff in ten hospitals and community units found more than half said they were not kept informed of what the trust was doing.

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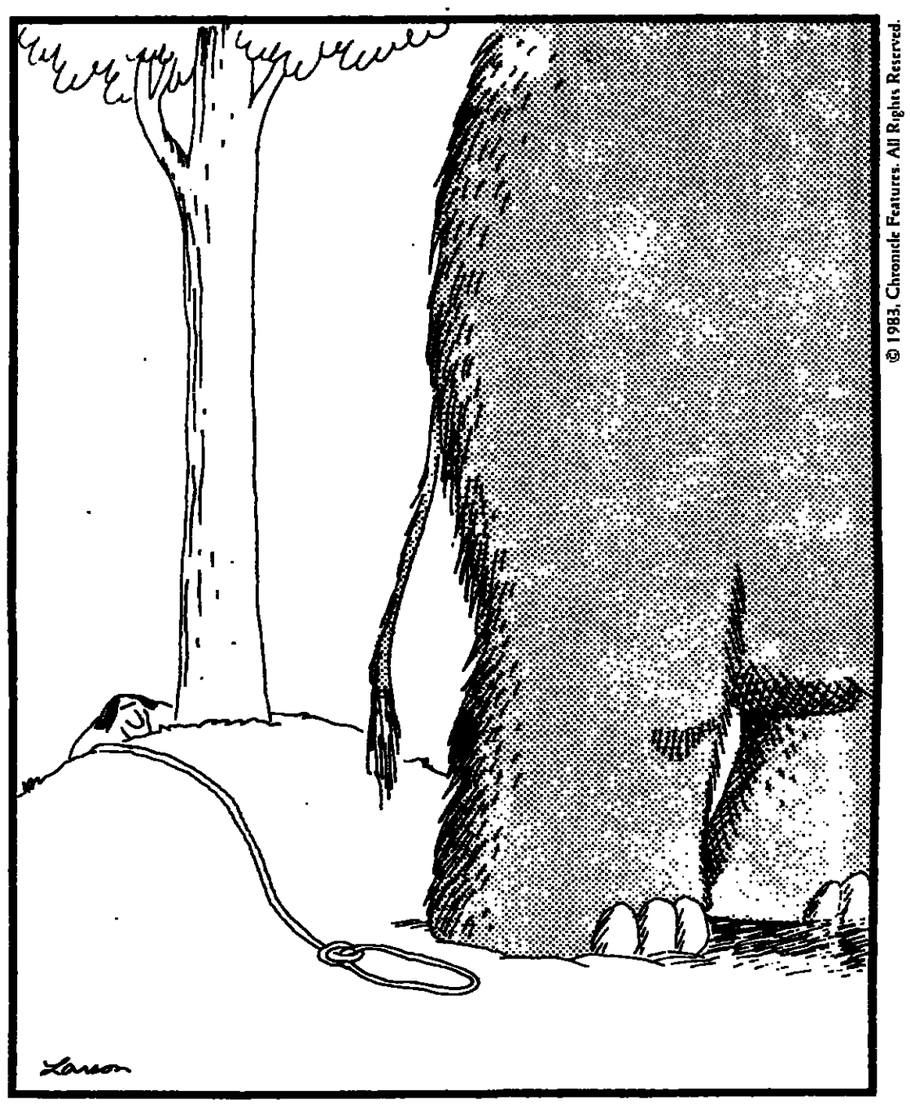
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Lawlessness and filth condemned in top-security jail

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON authorities almost lost control of parts of a top-security jail holding the mass killer Dennis Nilsen and IRA terrorists, according to a highly critical report published yesterday.

Dirtiness and the illegal brewing of "hooch" at Whitemoor prison in March, Cambridgeshire, are also condemned in the board of visitors' report.

Last year a governor said that inmates were on the verge of taking control of the jail, which holds 514 prisoners of whom 20 per cent are category A and a similar proportion are serving life sentences.

In October, Leslie Bailey, 40, a paedophile involved in a group that abused and killed three boys, was found strangled in his cell. Two prisoners were taken into police custody and the Crown Prosecution Service is considering a report on the incident. The board of visitors wants a prosecution, to serve as a warning to other inmates that they cannot take the law into their own hands.

The 1993 report by Whitemoor's board of visitors urges Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to provide a better disciplinary system that links rewards and sanctions with inmates' behaviour. "There should be more incentive for prisoners to act responsibly by aligning their behaviour to the reward system," it says.

The report also says that staff had to work in appalling conditions as a result of prisoners staging dirty protests, which had almost become a way of life in the segregation unit. "Because staff are so professional and deal with them so well, there is a danger that they will be accepted as the norm."

Other parts of the prison had unacceptable levels of rubbish. "Television sets had been damaged beyond repair, furniture has been removed from association areas, cell furniture has been smashed and floors and landings had been cluttered with tables, chairs and lockers. These wings have portrayed an air of indiscipline causing questions as to who is in control."

A work-shy ethos existed among prisoners on C and D wings, and they had been allowed to accumulate too much furniture and equipment in their cells. "The volume of possessions permitted in cells makes searches within the time limit allowed virtually ineffective. This, coupled with intimidation displayed by prisoners during searches, causes us to question the procedure," the report says.

Andrew Barclay, governor of the prison, which opened less than three years ago, introduced a new regime in January. An addendum to the annual report, dated seven days ago, says this has improved areas that were causing concern.

Motorist in wrong lane for 17 miles

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DEAF 82-year-old man who drove 17 miles the wrong way down a dual carriageway was banned from driving for a year and fined £175 yesterday.

William Howarth, a chartered accountant, lost his way as he took a short cut home from work to avoid roadworks in January. Motorists who swerved to avoid him dialled 999 and police caught up with him as he drove on at 30 mph.

They signalled to him to stop and ordered him to stay in his car. But as the policeman returned to his vehicle, Howarth started up again and carried on for a further ten miles along the A34 towards Newbury, Berkshire, before he was stopped at a police roadblock.

Howarth, of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Oxfordshire, admitted dangerous driving when he appeared before Abingdon magistrates.

He will have to retake his driving test before being allowed back on the road. He has told friends that he will travel by train in future.



CLIVE POSTLETHWAITE

William Howarth with his son yesterday after being banned from driving

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jackson fan accused over calls

A British fan of Michael Jackson has been charged with making obscene phone calls to the father of a boy who has accused the singer of sexually molesting him. Denise Michelle Pfeiffer, 24, was arrested when she went to the home of the 14-year-old boy's father, a wealthy Beverly Hills dentist. Miss Pfeiffer was also accused of stealing the keys to the lavatory at the dentist's office and with scrawling graffiti on the pavement outside his building.

Miss Pfeiffer, born in Leicester, was charged with vandalism, making obscene phone calls and petty theft and was being held on $15,000 bail. Jackson settled a civil suit in January filed by the boy by agreeing to pay him millions of dollars. The criminal investigation into allegations of sexual molestation continues.

Street's ahead

Unofficial viewing figures showed that ITV's *Coronation Street* attracted 16.7 million viewers against 11.1 million for BBC1's *EastEnders* on Monday, the first time they were broadcast on the same night.

Remanded

Vivian Parchment, 27, a jeweller of Streatham, southwest London, charged with the attempted murder of two police officers in Brixton, has been remanded in custody pending committal to a higher court by Camberwell magistrates.

£1.15m award

Mary Anne Walsh, 11, of Tottenham, north London, won £1.15 million damages against Bloomsbury and Islington health authority, in the High Court for brain damage suffered at birth at the Whittington Hospital, north London.

Man dies

Brian Hipkiss, 55, of Chilwell, Nottinghamshire, died after confronting youths when a car alarm went off. Police detained three teenagers but freed them after getting the results of a post-mortem examination.

Sinking feeling

Toy Brokers Ltd, of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, was fined £700 at Chichester Magistrates' Court for supplying a toy shop with children's swimming rings that did not work.

Swing death

Paul Jackson, 9, fell 30ft to his death while playing on a rope swing in woodland at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Easy money

A rare £2 bank note, issued in 1798, is expected to fetch £8,000 at auction in London.

Nurse in sex lesson row returns to class

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE nurse at the centre of the dispute over explicit lessons in sex education was back in the classroom yesterday. However, Sue Brady was not teaching at the north Leeds primary where last month she discussed extra-marital affairs and oral sex with children as young as ten.

Sylvia Snowdon, head teacher of Highfield Primary, said that Mrs Brady's course had two lessons to run, but had been frozen on the advice of the chief education officer. She said that was no reflection on Mrs Brady's methods or the course content.

Mrs Brady declined to say where she had been teaching since the new term started. "I am just glad to be doing the job I love once again," she said. "I wish people would leave me alone to get on with my work as normally as I can. As far as I am aware, I have support from teachers, governors and parents."

Leeds Community Health Trust, her employer, has given Mrs Brady a vote of confidence after meeting during the Easter vacation. Leeds City Council, the education authority, will be holding an enquiry at the direction of John Patten, the Education Secretary, into sex education in the city.

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Heseltine and Lib Dems pin their hopes on middle-class southerners



Heseltine: a favourite of alienated groups

FIDDELL ON POLITICS

The MORI poll in *The Times* yesterday pointing to a possible Tory rout in the European Parliament elections on June 9 produced a predictably perverse reaction from the parties.

The opinion poll figures suited the Conservatives' attempt to reduce expectations to disaster levels, while Labour and Liberal Democrat spokesmen yesterday doubted whether they would do so well. But they are all trying to obscure the real message of the poll.

Nobody expects the elections to come out exactly as projected. Polls are not forecasts. They are solely a measure of opinion at the time of the interviews — in this case the first quarter of this year. A lot can happen before June 9. Turnout in past European parliamentary elections has been half or less that in general elections.

The latest MORI poll suggested that the intentions of the fewer than three in ten saying they were certain to vote were little different from the rest. But the Liberal Democrats are concerned by evidence that the disaffected Tories in the South have little interest in Europe and may therefore not vote.

National, or even regional, polls never translate precisely into seats. Almost no one expects Labour to capture the Highlands and Islands from the Scottish Nationalists, or Herefordshire and Shropshire, and Sussex South and Crawley from the Tories. These are inherently implausible.

Yet the polls do point to the Conservative vulnerability, both nationally and regionally, to the Liberal Democrats in the South West. Even the tentative projections for individual European seats indicate how close the outcome may be, either way. According to the latest MORI projections, the majorities in ten seats could be two percentage points or less. The line between a setback and a disaster is very narrow.

The polls also show why the Tories are now in deep trouble. The Conservative gap behind Labour among working class groups is roughly the same as at previous times of general unpopularity. The difference now is that the party has alienated the middle classes, around two-fifths of the electorate.

The Tories have consistently enjoyed a big lead, of 35 points or more, over Labour among the middle classes. Even at the low point of the party's fortunes four years ago, the Tories were still 12 to 15 points ahead. But now the two parties are only level-pegging. This is largely, however, because of a fall in Tory support. Labour's current rating among the middle classes is only fractionally higher than in 1990. The main short-term beneficiaries of Tory unpopularity have been the Liberal Democrats.

The Tories naturally argue that many of these traditional supporters are merely protesting and that they will return at a general election. Many obviously will. But the scale of the current drop in support is worrying for the Tories. It points to a deeper disillusionment which may only be partially reversed.

Sustained economic growth, greater job security and a recovery in the housing market will all help. But there is no automatic reason why the middle classes will rally to the Tories as they have in the past.

There is an intriguing footnote. According to a recent MORI analysis, Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, is noticeably stronger than John Major among those groups which have deserted the Conservatives in the past two years: middle-class voters in the South.

The difference to the level of Tory support which the choice of Mr Heseltine as party Leader might make declines the further north you go. That is all, like the other poll findings, tentative, but the results deserve to be taken more seriously by all the parties than yesterday's self-interested doubts.

PETER RIDDELL

Tories accused of rigging battle over council tax rates

By Jill Sherman and Alice Thomson

THE Prime Minister clashed with Margaret Beckett in the Commons yesterday over council spending as Labour claimed that the battle over council tax rates had been "outrageously rigged".

John Major told MPs that Labour councils taxed more than the Conservatives irrespective of which band was considered. "Whatever band of council tax you take, the answer is the same: Labour councils tax more than Conservative."

Mrs Beckett, Labour's deputy Leader, challenged Mr Major over the £21 million waste identified by district auditors at Westminster council to which Mr Major retorted: "If you wish to talk about waste and incompetence you might look at Birmingham City Council over recent years."

Mrs Beckett, standing in for John Smith who has injured his ankle, demanded to know why the Prime Minister was endorsing a council that sold three cemeteries for 5p each and which had to be bought back for millions of pounds. "What kinds of standards are these?"

Mr Major went on to defend the Tory party political broadcast last week which attacked Birmingham City Council for wasting money on mobile telephones and recycling paperclips. "I never condemn reality and truth," he said.

As the row escalated over which party's local authorities charged lower council taxes, Jack Straw, the shadow Environment Secretary, insisted that tax bills from Labour-controlled councils were on average £40 less than in Conservative areas and £26 lower than in Liberal Democrat areas.

The Conservatives claim that Labour councils charge more in all bands and point out that average bills are lower in Labour councils because they tend to be poorer with more people living in smaller houses.

At a press conference to launch Labour's campaign for the local government elections in May, Mr Straw argued that even where council tax rates were low this bore no relation to spending levels. In Tory-controlled Westminster for example, where the council tax on band D properties was only £245, spending was £1,047 a head. In contrast in Labour-controlled Liverpool the band D council tax was £867 but the council was spending £969 a head.

The government grant system to local authorities was "outrageously rigged" and favoured Tory-run councils, he said. Voters in Tory-run Westminster were being "bribed" by central government because the level of grant going to the council was so high that for every £100 spent, only £4 came from local council taxpayers.

David Curry, the local government minister, later defended the grants system. "There is no way whatsoever in which the Government has rigged, distorted, disfigured, the cash flow so as to direct funds to Wandsworth or Westminster or any other council," he said. "The highest grants go to the most deprived areas and not one single Labour council has complained so far," he said.

At a press conference Mr Curry gave a list of "horror stories" about Labour councils.

First he accused Lambeth council of only collecting 47.4 per cent of its council tax while neighbouring Wandsworth collected 100 per cent. Then he said that 17 out of 20 councils in debt were Labour councils and the average interest to pay the debt in these councils was £4.23 a week for each family.

Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, claimed that Mr Straw had admitted defeat in the argument about the cheapest council tax levels.

Earlier Mrs Beckett said that the local elections on May 5 would be both a referendum on Mr Major and a verdict on a "discredited" Government. "A vote for Labour on May 5 will be a vote both to condemn this clapped-out Government and to ensure good quality local government in every part of the country," she said.

"John Major has been a disastrous Prime Minister. He has failed the country, wrecked what was left of his Government's reputation and made a mockery of his position."

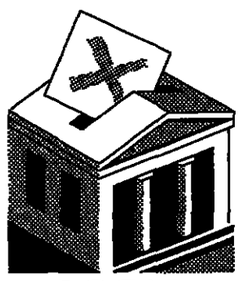
Mr Straw said that Labour councils were determined to stamp out waste and provide better public services. Labour provided more nursery places, smaller class sizes, more home helps and lower council house rents.

Mrs Beckett and Mr Straw played down Labour's chances of big gains on May 5. Mr Straw argued that Labour had done so well in 1990 that it could prove difficult to make further gains this year. Mrs Beckett said: "We hope to be able to defend most of the ground we gained [in 1990]. It would be enormously foolish of us to say that from such a high base we can make substantial gains."

Labour is hoping to do well in London, where the Tories gained 76 seats last time. It is targeting the outer London areas such as Enfield, Ealing and Croydon. The party could also do well in Brent, where the Tories are the largest party, Harrow and Redbridge.

Labour may have a tough time hanging on to Birmingham, where the Tories are focusing the main effort of their campaign, and Derby, which turned its back on the Tories because of the poll tax four years ago.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS 1994

Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells rebels

Seeing red in Kent's true blue heartland

By Andrew Pierce

DISGUSTED of Tunbridge Wells, the true blue citizens synonymous with middle-class epistles of moral outrage, may have had enough of the Conservative Party.

It is bad news for John Major if even the genteel Kent spa town has deserted him in his hour of need. But a random survey of the town bears out the evidence of *The Times*/MORI poll which suggested that the Tory heartland of Kent could fall in the Euro-elections. The once solidly Tory voters of Tunbridge Wells, granted a Royal Charter by Edward VII, are unlikely to deliver any help to the Government.

A random survey of the town's good burghers revealed many of them choking over their tea and scones in the elegant colonaded cafes in The Pantiles at the mere mention of VAT on fuel or John Major. Even Tory stalwarts such as Audrey Sturley, the Mayor, have contemplated the unthinkable: Royal Tunbridge Wells could become Liberal Democrat in the May council elections.

She said: "People are angry. You cannot expect a government, which has been in power for so long, to put up taxes and remain popular. We have been given a double dollop. Last year's and this year's both at once. The VAT on fuel is going to hit people who have not got any money, like retired people on fixed incomes. They are our people. They are Tory voters. It's no wonder they are angry. It will be the toughest elections we have faced for years." The Tory majority of ten in the borough council elections is looking shaky. "Nothing is forever," the mayor said.

The Tory-controlled council has decided to run an advertising campaign to exploit the legendary character, "Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells", who first surfaced in the letters column of *The Daily Telegraph*, to try to boost tourism.

But the campaign could backfire on Tories in the coming elections. The mayor's consort and husband, Major Bob Sturley, said: "Standards of decency and respect have declined. People feel contempt. It will be worse when people open their pay packets at the end of the month and see how much they have been taxed. They will be shocked."

Elsewhere in the town, always depicted as a genteel true-blue Tory haven, trouble is brewing. Shops are closing down for the first time, victims of the recession and the large out-of-town stores which are draining the lifeblood of the town centre. There is no recovery in property prices. Unemployment has soared from 1,800 in 1990 to 6,830 today. There are 200 vacancies in the town's Job Centre. During the 1980s boom whole families travelled from the north to the spa town in search of jobs.

Peter Hoole, who has run two shops in the town centre for 18 years, has deserted the party he supported for years. "I know very few people, who I could call traditional Conservatives, who have got any time for this bunch. You go to a dinner party and it is difficult to find anyone, even paid-up members of the party, who will say anything postive about them let alone support them. It is thoroughly unhealthy to have had a Conservative Government for so long."

Jonathan Birch, another Tory defector, who runs a music shop, said: "Forget Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells. Call me Livid of Tunbridge Wells. The Tories have created two recessions. People around here are sick of them. I am afraid it will take more than our spa water to save the Tories."

There is some hope, however. Will Bracken, 19, said he would support the Tories, but added: "The Tories desperately need a theme or a big idea. They had one in the 1980s. If they don't find one they are in big trouble."

SIMON WALKER



Audrey Sturley, Tunbridge Wells Mayor, predicting a tough election fight

Ashdown seeks a 'positive' image

By Jonathan Prynn
Political Reporter

PADDY Ashdown last night attempted to shake off the Liberal Democrats' image as the party of protest votes with an impassioned appeal to the electorate of Eastleigh to vote positively "for a better Britain".

Speaking at a rally in the Hampshire constituency, the Liberal Democrat Leader said Eastleigh had a tremendous opportunity to speak for British pensioners, jobless and youth by throwing the Conservatives out of the parliamentary seat.

The speech came on the brink of a campaign widely expected to end in a third consecutive Liberal Democrat by-election victory in previously safe Tory strongholds.

Senior Conservatives have portrayed last year's Newbury and Christchurch defeats as classic mid-term protests.

But Mr Ashdown said that the Liberal Democrats were "determined to be more than a vehicle for protest". He said his party would refuse to be drawn into sterile slanging matches over issues such as the level of council tax. "We are going to talk proudly about the Liberal Democrat record in local government — a record of providing services people want, and of providing value for people's money."

His speech outlined some of the key themes of the Liberal Democrat campaign, particularly education, the economy, the environment, transport and the health service.

He went on to mock John Major's reluctance to name a date for the by-election, which was caused by the death in February of Stephen Milligan.

□ **1992 general election result: Stephen Milligan (C), 38,998; David Chidgey (LD) 21,296; Jo Sugrue (Lab) 15,768. C maj 17,702.**

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry, Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, conclusion of remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debates on the role of the House of Lords, on the employment of the disabled, and on the proposed extradition of Sue Hagan and Sally Croft to the United States.



Columbus sails into storm

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

BRITISH celebrations marking the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to America were blighted by mismanagement, inadequate planning and overspending, the National Audit Office says.

A gala concert and tall ships regatta staged in Liverpool were billed as being second only to the Barcelona Olympic Games as the European event of 1992. But the organisation and funding of the events were poorly controlled, leading to a small, inexperienced company running up debts of £233,000 before going out of business, the audit office says.

The regatta and concert did not generate the expected income and Merseyside Development Corporation failed to check the records of the company in charge of the events. Final costings for the celebrations, held in August 1992, have not been assessed but the corporation is expected to incur expenses of more than £700,000 on events which were designed to be self-financing.

Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, criticises the corporation for underestimating costs and overstating projected income from ticket sales for the concert, featuring celebrities including Sir Peter Ustinov and Montserrat Caballé.

Inadequate checks were carried out into whether Carroll Promotions, the company given the contract, was capable of handling the projects. Ticket sales for the regatta were only half those predicted and the report makes clear that the corporation's reliance on the company was "unwise". Sponsorship income for the concert was forecast at £110,000 but the company failed to sign up any large sponsors. The corporation stepped in at the last moment to pay £90,000.

Although the events were successful and earned £17 million for the region, the report draws attention to "organisational weaknesses" including having to refund admission money because a grandstand was declared unsafe.



CBI urges tax aid for mothers

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

THE head of the Confederation of British Industry called last night for a more coherent government strategy to help working mothers, pressing for wider tax relief to encourage childcare.

Howard Davies, the CBI director-general, welcomed recent moves by the Government to offer tax relief for childcare but criticised the changes as "piecemeal". "We have a lot of rather disparate initiatives which have not been brought together in a coherent way," he told the Commons Employment Select Committee.

Claiming that there was a "confused picture", with some areas of the country receiving more help than others, he called for closer co-operation between employers and public bodies in providing childcare. He supported the offer of tax relief to employers providing childcare at the workplace, but called for the scheme to be extended to those offering financial help for childcare away from work.

However, he dismissed Labour MPs' calls for tax relief for parents, saying it would be "extremely expensive" and difficult to target only those parents in need of assistance.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Honours even el4

Today's game completes *The Times* coverage of all of the games played in the recent match in Oslo between Norway's top grandmaster Simen Agdestein and Britain's Michael Adams. This game pushed Adams into a 2-1 lead. However, he over-pressed in game four and allowed Agdestein to level the contest.

Adams faces the Russian grandmaster Sergei Tiviakov in the quarter-final of the PCA World Chess Championship in New York in June. The Oslo match will prove valuable experience for Adams in his quest for the title.

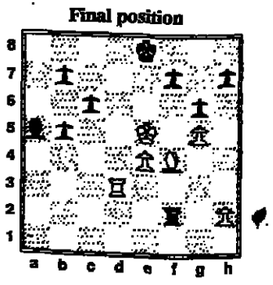
White: Simen Agdestein
Black: Michael Adams
Oslo Challenge 1994

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3	Qa4+	Nd7
4	g3	Ngf6
5	Bg2	c6
6	Qxc4	e5
7	0-0	Bd6
8	Qc2	0-0
9	d4	exd4
10	Nxd4	Bc5
11	Rd1	Qb6
12	e3	Ne5
13	f4	Bg4
14	fxe5	Bxd1
15	Qxd1	Rad8
16	exf6	Bxd4
17	Qb3	Bxf6
18	Qxb6	axb6
19	Bf3	Rd3
20	Kf2	Re8
21	a4	Ra8
22	Be4	Rd6
23	Ra2	b5
24	a5	g6
25	b4	Re8
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30	Bc2	Rxb1
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35	g4	Rc2
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39	Bf4	Rf2
40	Ke5	Bxa5

White resigns

Final position



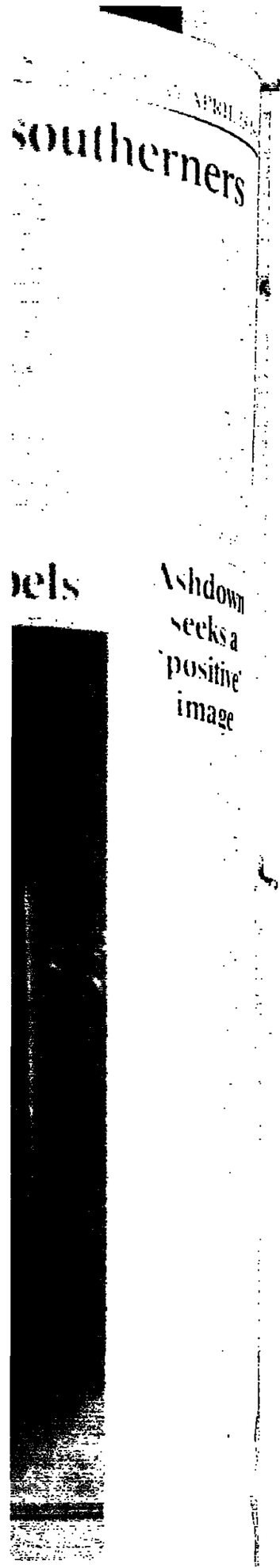
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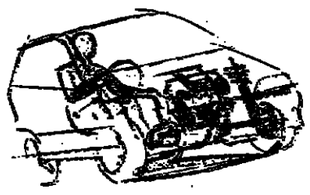
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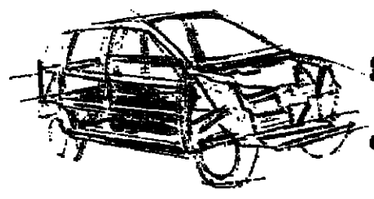
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Former monarch condemns Athens over 'totalitarian measures' against royal family

Constantine vows to fight for Greek citizenship

By Malcolm Brabant in Athens and Edward Gorman

CONSTANTINE, the former King of Greece, yesterday attacked the government of Andreas Papandreou, and said he would use all means available to him to retain his Greek citizenship.

In a defiant response to the Greek government's plans to strip him of his passport and property, Constantine told a press conference in London, his home for the past 27 years, that he would never accept "the questioning" of his Greek heritage. "I shall fight to retain our Greek nationality by every lawful means at both the international and domestic level," Constantine, 53, said. "Depriving people of their citizenship has always been one of the first measures taken by every totalitarian regime against its opponents."

Constantine's comments come in the wake of the Socialist government's decision two weeks ago to draft a parliamentary Bill that would return royal property to the state and revoke royal passports. The Greek parliament, which votes on the legislation today, is certain to pass it in spite of opposition from the conservative New Democracy party. Mr Papandreou's Pan Hellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) has an absolute majority, holding 170 of the chamber's 300 seats.

The move against Constantine, who left the country in 1967 after a military coup, has been presented by the government as honouring an existing campaign pledge. Elsewhere it is seen as retaliation in the wake of Constantine's decision to return to the country last year when he took a holiday with his wife and two youngest children around the Greek islands. The visit, only his second since 1967, sparked fears in Athens that he was attempting to sound out public opinion about a possible restoration of the monarchy, which was abolished in 1973.

Constantine dismissed such talk yesterday, claiming that he had no plans to encourage another referendum. He implied that the Papandreou government was panicking. "When the politicians realised the reaction of many people, all they could do was chase me around," he said, referring to the gunboats and aircraft that shadowed his charter yacht.

The exiled monarch, who prefers to be known as King Constantine, former King of the Hellenes, has paid tax debts of about £2 million and, in return, had expected to be allowed to keep his summer palace at Tatoi on the outskirts of Athens, the Mon Repos estate on Corfu and extensive tracts of forest in central Greece. The Duke of Edinburgh was born at Mon Repos, a neo-classical villa built for the British High Commissioner to Corfu in 1831.

The two-storey building overlooking the Ionian Sea is beginning to decay, with its balconies rotting and its windows boarded up. The magnificent grounds, which contain the Temple of Apollo, built nearly 2,500 years ago, attracts thousands of visitors. The Corfu Municipality plans to convert the building into a cultural centre once the Bill is passed. Tatoi and the other lands will go to the agriculture ministry. Their value has not been determined.

Constantine said yesterday that the government was reneging on agreements he had negotiated in the past. He said: "The value of the property was much higher than the taxes we owed. This proposed confiscation is even more surprising because I negotiated in good faith with Andreas Papandreou's government from 1984 to 1988."

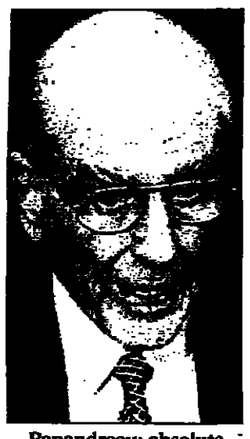
He claimed the Prime Minister was using the issue to divert attention from unpopular tax legislation and other domestic and international problems, but intervention by the exiled king is likely to anger many Greek politicians, who regard any public remark by Constantine as an unwarranted intrusion in the domestic affairs of the state.

The Greek government has said Constantine could keep his citizenship if he were to recognise the Greek constitution, renounce his title and "abandon his political interventions". Akis Tsohadzopoulos, the Interior Minister, has made it clear that Greece will remain a republic, saying: "It is time that Mr Glucksburg [Constantine's family name] understood a modern democratic state has deeply rooted principles whose guarantors are the people and their representatives."

Yesterday a member of New Democracy walked out of a parliamentary committee discussing the new Bill. George Souflias, a New Democracy spokesman, said the bill was unconstitutional and was being used to draw public opinion away from major national issues.



Constantine, the ex-King of Greece, with his wife Anne-Marie, left, and his sister, the former Princess Irene, in London yesterday



Papandreou: absolute majority in parliament

Turbulent times mirrored by life of banishment

By Edward Gorman

THE Greek royal house was established in 1863 with the accession to the throne of King George I, son of King Christian IX of Denmark.

King Constantine succeeded to the throne in 1964. His life has mirrored the upheavals of modern Greek history:

☐ Prince Constantine was born in Athens 2 June 1940. Son of Prince Paul of Greece (later King Paul I).

☐ Educated at Athens University. Won a Gold Medal for yachting at 1960 Olympics.

☐ Married Princess Anne-Marie of Denmark on September 18, 1964, a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria. She bore him five children.

☐ Army seizes power in the colonels' coup on April 21, 1967. King Constantine calls for army to overthrow the colonels on December 13. This fails.

☐ Constantine goes into exile on December 14, 1967, initially to Rome and later to London where the family settled. He remains a close friend of the British royal family; sails with Duke of Edinburgh and is godfather to Prince William.

☐ Referendum in Greece in December 1967 showed 69 per cent back a republic.

☐ Monarchy abolished by the colonels in 1973.

☐ Colonels overthrown in 1974 but the monarchy is not restored. Plebiscite held by the newly elected democratic government confirms Greece as a republic, though monarchists accounted for nearly one-third of the vote.

☐ Constantine returns to Greece in 1981 for a five-hour visit to attend the funeral of his mother, Queen Frederica.

☐ He takes his family on a cruise around the Greek islands last August. This enrages the government which monitors his progress using gunboats and air force planes.

☐ In March, the Socialist government of Andreas Papandreou tables a Bill to strip Constantine of his citizenship, passport and property, saying he cannot use a royal title to identify himself.



Mon Repos, the splendid summer home of the former Greek royal family on the island of Corfu



America seeks end to Skopje embargo

By Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

AMERICA was trying to find a compromise between Greece and the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia yesterday, on the eve of today's European Union deadline for Athens to lift its embargo against the Skopje regime or face a lawsuit in the European Court of Justice.

Cyrus Vance, the former US Secretary of State, began a two-day meeting with representatives of Greece and the former Yugoslav republic, which are at loggerheads over the name Macedonia. Greece says Skopje has designs on its Macedonian territory.

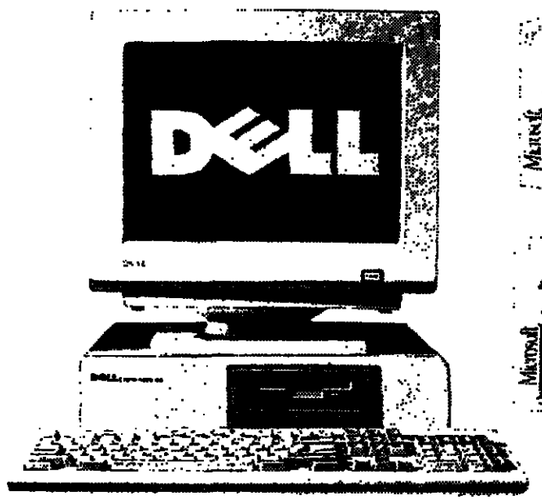
Under European law, no member state may close an EU border without consultation with the others. Greece has asked for today's deadline to be delayed until the outcome of the New York talks is known, but there was no indication that this would happen.

Greece blocked Skopje's access to the Greek port of Salonika in February in a fit of rage after EU countries ended their former reluctance to open diplomatic ties with Macedonia. The blockade prevents all but essential medical supplies reaching the landlocked republic.

Although the breaking of sanctions is reputedly common, the embargo has had a disastrous effect on Skopje's economy and on President Gligorov. His opponents have used food and fuel shortages to put pressure on his moderate regime. The roads in Macedonia are deserted with most people unable to find petrol.

☐ Athens: Greece said yesterday it was expelling the first secretary at the Albania embassy in Athens in the latest development in a row after a weekend attack on a border post in Albania. Athens took the action after its consul-general in the southern Albanian town of Gjirokaster had been given 48 hours to leave Albania. *(Reuter)*

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorway opens after earthquake

Los Angeles: The Santa Monica Freeway, the world's busiest motorway, has reopened to the hooting of a thousand horns, followed within hours by claims that it was not fully earthquake-proof (Giles Whittell writes).

Two ten-lane overpasses on the motorway, which carries more than 300,000 vehicles a day, collapsed in January's earthquake and have been rebuilt at a cost of nearly £21 million. State transport officials said yesterday that the new bridges would withstand a big earthquake but admitted that reinforcements recommended by an advisory panel of engineers had been left out.

Anti-Iran plea

Tokyo: The United States has urged Japan to suspend governmental loans to Iran on the ground that Tehran has sabotaged Middle East peace and sponsored terrorism around the world, the economic daily *Nihon Keizai* said. *(AP)*

Narrow win

Strasbourg: Daniel Tarschys, a Swedish Liberal, was elected as the new Secretary-General of the 32-nation Council of Europe, defeating his predecessor, Catherine Lalumière, a French Socialist who had held the office for five years.

Treasure chest

Washington: An exotic dancer, known as Chesty Love, has been allowed to list her enlarged breasts as business assets and claim a £1,515 deduction for their depreciation on her 1988 tax form. *(AFP)*

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Balkans conflict takes perilous turn with East-West rift



Mladic: loath to give up Bosnian Serbs' gains

The danger is that General Rose may have miscalculated Serb strategies in the war. The Nato attacks have raised the risk of a wider conflict just as peace seemed at hand, ***Eve-Ann Prentice*** *writes*

JUST as peace in Bosnia seemed so close, the war has entered its most dangerous phase with the United States and Russia alarmingly alienated over Nato air strikes against the republic's Serbs. The prospect of a wider conflict has never been greater.

The danger is that Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose may have miscalculated Bosnian Serb strategies in the war and gambled on them giving way to Nato threats as easily as they did in Sarajevo in February and on Mount Igman, overlooking the Bosnian capital, last summer.

However, there is an essential difference between the examples of apparent Serb surrender, and the struggle underway in Gorazde. The war has been nearing its convulsive death throes since the start of the year, with the three sides, Serbs, Croats and Muslims, realising they were close to gaining all the territory that they were ever likely to seize. But two key battles still had to be fought, as the conflict remorselessly reduced the republic effectively into Serb, and Croat-cum-Muslim areas. These centre around two pockets where ethnic minorities are surrounded and vastly outnumbered, and sooner or later they would almost certainly have to move, either under negotiated agreement, or by force. The first involves Serbs in the Krajina region of Croatia who might have to move to land adjoining Serbia proper, probably in the Slavonia region, leaving western Krajina to the Croats. And in the enclaves of eastern Bosnia, including Gorazde, the Muslims will be pushed out leaving the area to Bosnian Serbs.

All the recent negotiations for peace have centred on areas where the fighting on the ground was effectively over, notably the American-sponsored federation plan for Muslims and Croats, and the Russian-brokered Serb withdrawal from Sarajevo. More generally, peace negotiations throughout the two-year war have had little effect on the course of the war itself, although many lives have been saved by brave aid workers shepherded by United Nations peacekeepers. The situation in the eastern enclaves differs greatly from that in Sarajevo. Bosnian Serbs never seriously wanted to overrun the entire capital, and they were content to withdraw after the market massacre on February 5 and let the UN take over while they moved their big guns to other battlegrounds, including the eastern enclaves, where the Serbs cannot contemplate large communities of Muslims living permanently in the most economically and strategically important areas under their control.

Lord Owen, the European Union's negotiator in the Geneva talks, insisted last month that it was Russian diplomacy that persuaded the Serbs to withdraw their heavy weapons from Sarajavo, and not Nato threats. More significantly, Lord Owen revealed that Russia very nearly walked out of the entire peace process over the slightest prospect of attacks by Nato. Moscow's anger and alarm over the actual bombing runs must not be underestimated.

President Yeltsin was just one of many Russian voices raised in outrage at Nato's new strategy. Ivan Rybkin, Speaker of the Russian State Duma, yesterday said that the air strikes could jeopardise Russia's decision to join the Nato Partnership for Peace.

General Rose must also take account of conflicts and pressures at work within the Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale. Radovan Karadzic, the Serbs' leader, has developed a far more pragmatic approach in his dealings with the West, in contrast to the army chief, General Ratko Mladic, who yesterday said he had ordered his men to shoot down attacking Nato jets. The general is loath to give up any of the gains that his men have won in hard and bloody battles. Dr Karadzic's softer image has been cultivated following his appointment last summer of Jovan Zametica, a Cambridge PhD and former Marlborough College teacher, as his key adviser.

Ukraine, which has 600 troops in Bosnia, has also voiced its complaint. Although President Kravchuk said that the air strikes were justified by UN resolutions, he complained that the Ukrainians had not been given a warning of Monday's raids in advance. "We were not told. I believe this is not a good thing," President Kravchuk said.

Anatoli Lopata, first deputy Defence Minister, said on Monday that Ukraine's contingent in Bosnia had been told in advance of the first raid on Gorazde, to ensure that they were not taken by surprise.

Alliance tries to pacify Russians but warns of more Gorazde air strikes

Serb forces threaten to shoot down Nato planes

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO, TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE, AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bosnian Serb army commander yesterday threatened to shoot down Nato jets as Russia reacted with fury to air strikes on Bosnian Serbs at Gorazde.

General Ratko Mladic told his troops during a visit to the frontline near the UN designated safe haven of Gorazde: "The supreme command has given orders to soldiers that every plane that flies at them should be downed."

John Major yesterday said that the United Nations would not shrink from new air strikes, while President Clinton tried to assuage Russian wrath as President Yeltsin said the attacks could lead to "war for ever".

Speaking in Madrid, Mr Yeltsin said: "If there is a worsening now the blame will fall on those who decided to launch the air strikes. I am convinced that the resolution there should be only political talks. The task there cannot be resolved by force. It will be war for ever."

In Washington, Mr Clinton tried to placate Moscow, saying "I assured President Yeltsin that we have no interest in using Nato's air power to affect the outcome of the war." Mr Clinton refused to rule out air strikes to protect Bosnia's five other UN-designated safe havens from Serb attack, and William Perry, the Defence Secretary, warned that Nato would sharply escalate its attacks on Serb positions around Goradze if they carried on shelling the city.

In Parliament, Mr Major said: "Close air support will remain available to UN commanders. They will be able to call on it again if they consider it necessary."

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said he hoped aid convoys suspended after the Nato strikes would restart soon. "The parties should draw the right lessons from the use of air power ... the international community will not tolerate attacks on Unprofor, and attacks on the safe areas must cease," he said.

Diplomats scrambled to defuse the crisis between the UN and the Serbs as the rebels continued to seal off Sarajevo and hold UN personnel as virtual hostages.

Hopes for an early end to the crisis faded as Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, refused to meet UN representatives. Dr Karadzic told Vitali Churkin, the Russian special envoy, that he would not meet Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy nor Charles Redman, the American envoy. He also accused Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the commander of UN forces in Bosnia, of destroying the peace process.

Last night Mr Churkin, now the only channel of communication between the Bosnian Serbs, the UN and Nato, was believed to be heading back for more talks in Belgrade. Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister may also arrive for urgent talks tomorrow. Tensions were high in frontline areas across Bosnia as the Bosnian Army and UN peacekeepers waited to see what the Serbs would do next. General Mladic predicted that Nato ground troops would eventually be committed to fight the Serbs but he told his men: "You are superior. You are not barefooted Somalis, but now the best army in Europe"

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Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy, being met in Sarajevo yesterday by Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose

Churkin holds diplomatic key to peace deal

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

FOR most envoys selected to mediate in the Bosnian conflict, the benefits of high-profile diplomacy are far outweighed by the frustation and humiliation of trying to make peace in the Balkans.

Vitali Churkin, 42, may be relatively inexperienced compared to some of his Western counterparts, such as Lord Carrington, Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, but he is also probably the only man in Bosnia capable of negotiating a peaceful outcome in the aftermath of Nato's air strikes on Serb forces at Gorazde.

Mr Churkin, a career diplomat and Deputy Foreign Minister responsible for Europe, was given the unenviable task in February of persuading Serb forces, under threat of attack from Nato, to withdraw their heavy weapons around Sarajevo. He surprised many by pulling off the deal in tough negotiations with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and the deployment of Russian peacekeepers.

The move was seen as a deft diplomatic coup, and a turning point in Russia's attempts to redefine foreign policy after four years of following America's lead. Mr Churkin became an instant hero back home, where there had been growing public displeasure at Moscow's loss of prestige on the world stage. In *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* opinion polls on Russia's 100 leading politicians, Mr Churkin rose from 99th in January to 18th in March.

Now he faces probably the toughest challenge of his career as he attempts to head off further confrontation between Nato and the Serbs.



Churkin: less experienced but succeeding with Serbs



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Vladimir makes friends with Manchester man

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN STRASBOURG

■ The Russian ultra-nationalist hurled plants and abuse at Jewish protesters in Strasbourg on Monday. Yesterday, he decided to make amends — of a sort

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, vigorously shaking the astonished young Jew's hand for the benefit of his leather-jacketed followers clicking their cameras on the street corner, said: "Look, we are friends. You see, I don't hate Jews. It's all lies."

The young man in black orthodox habit, brimmed hat and with side curls, blinked through his glasses. "Who are you?" he asked hesitantly.

"My name is Vladimir. I am leader of Liberal Democratic Party in Russia. We don't want to fight anyone; it is only Zionists, not Jews. I am against."

The young Jew was eager to be helpful. "I am not a Zionist. We are against Zionism. I am Orthodox." Mr Zhirinovsky, sporting his German sailor's hat and clearly eager for debate, looked nonplussed. "Okay," he said in his rapid accented English. "We are all friends. Come to Russian consulate seven o'clock."

The chance encounter had not worked out quite how the maverick far-right politician had intended. Returning to the Russian consulate yesterday morning from the Council of Europe, he had spotted the distinctive figure of the Orthodox Jew across the street. It was, he imagined, a heaven-sent opportunity to prove that all the front-page headlines about his outbursts against Jewish demonstrators were a pack of lies. What he did not realise was that the young yeshiva student in his late twenties was from Manchester, a tourist who happened to be visiting a relative in Strasbourg and who knew nothing about Mr Zhirinovsky's antics in the consulate garden on Monday.

"He just called me to come across the street," the man, who declined to give his name, said afterwards. "He then started telling me that he had been attacked by Jews. I told him we do not want to fight. Is he a bad person? Is he anti-Semitic? I wish I had not spoken to him now. Will it be in all the Russian papers?"

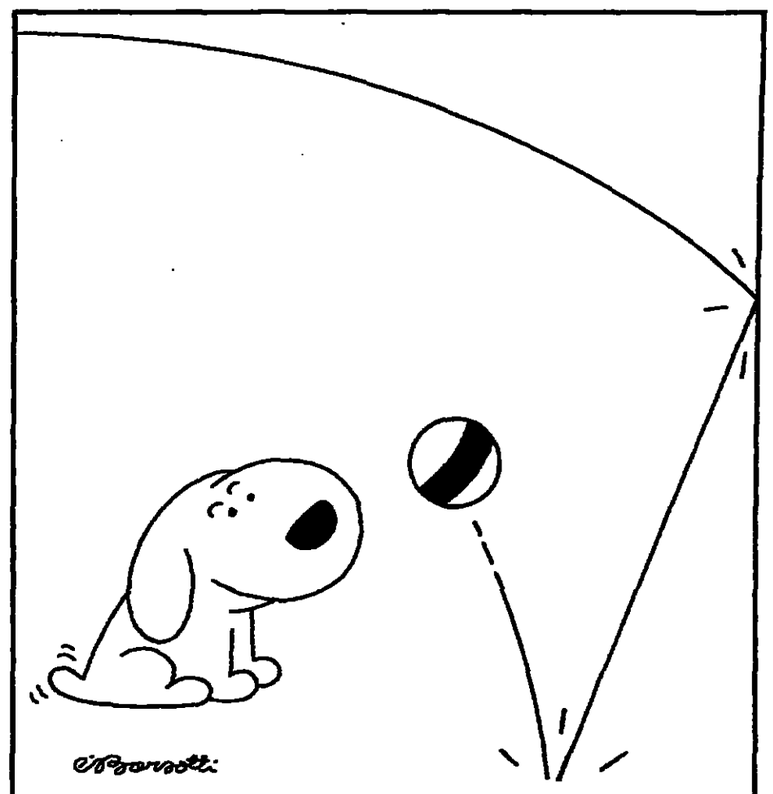
Mr Zhirinovsky was revelling in his notoriety. He had been seen carrying around a copy of *The Times* under his arm that morning, his photograph splashed across the front page, but, of course, he insisted with mock belligerence, the story was libellous.

"How much does your paper make a year," he suddenly asked me. "A hundred million?" It was unclear whether he meant pounds, dollars or roubles. In any case, it seemed a lot. "No, more like 40 million," I ventured. "Okay, you tell your editor he must pay me 10 per cent for these lies," he said. I remarked that Reuter's news agency had also carried the news report about him. "That's big agency, yes? Well, they must pay 10 per cent as well. It is moral slur to my honour."

His tone was the trademark staccato, half ranting, half joking. At any moment he might let fly on the leafy street corner about the evils of the Western press, the might of Russia, the need to defend the Serbs, of the shallowness of Western democracy which he had come to denounce in this citadel of human rights. The game was given away, however, by his assistants — young men with a grin on their faces who thought this three-way conversation between their party leader, a Western journalist and a stray Jew a huge joke.

The pictures will now be flashing back to Russia — evidence, no doubt, that Mr Zhirinovsky, the man who tried to change his birth certificate and suppress the listing of his father's name as Edelstein, is no anti-Semite.

Later, Paris said that Mr Zhirinovsky, whose visa confines him to Paris's Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport and the city of Strasbourg and is linked to a ban on making controversial statements, had made "unacceptable statements". He was warned against any repetition.



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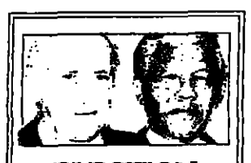
ANC promises jobs, houses and education for new South Africa in £7.8bn package

Carrington arrives in attempt to forge deal

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN AND INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

LORD Carrington, the former Foreign Secretary, and Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State, arrived in Johannesburg yesterday to try to break South Africa's consitutional deadlock.

Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, said he was fully committed to the success of the two mediators. But the ANC, as well as the government, ruled out any postponement of South Africa's first all-race elections on April 27-28. "We want to make it clear that those days are sacrosanct, they cannot be tampered with," said Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general.



An all-black delegation of election workers from the main political parties, including the National Party (NP), are to meet President de Klerk in the next few days to recommend the elections be postponed and the constitution altered to make provisions for self-determination.

A leader of the delegation, Vronda Banda, a former member of the ANC's guerrilla wing who now runs the NP office in Soweto, says the all-party group was unable to endorse the elections as free and fair with widespread violence in the country and a state of emergency in KwaZulu. Mr Banda said it was widely agreed that there was a strong argument for the secession of KwaZulu and said that King Goodwill Zwelithini should be given powers similar to those held by the Queen.

He conceded that it was unlikely that the election date would be moved but said Mr de Klerk must listen to the concerns of those working on the ground.

The ANC yesterday published the final draft of its programme for South Africa's reconstruction and development, and for the first time put a price tag on it — 39 billion rands (£7.8 billion) over five years.

The programme makes lavish promises: that within five years the new government will build a million houses, create 2.5 million jobs, and provide electricity for 2.5 million homes. Introducing the programme, Jay Naidoo, the former secretary-general of the Confederation of South African Trade Unions and a leading ANC parliamentary candidate, added that ten years of free and compulsory education would also be made available to all.

Mr Naidoo denied that the programme was too ambitious, saying: "These targets are extremely viable, and we have the political will to achieve them."



Lord Carrington, the former Foreign Secretary who is to mediate in the run-up to the South African election, arriving in Johannesburg yesterday

White-collar troops prepare for township war

FROM SAM KILEY IN MANDINI, NATAL

■ More than 140 people have died in political violence in KwaZulu/Natal during the state of emergency, despite the deployment of citizen-force soldiers

THE 140 accountants, businessmen, and beach bums thundered towards the orange glow of a mud hut burning in the humid night air, rifles cocked, trigger fingers at the ready.

"Oh, no. This, we will have to get used to. The arsonists will be miles from here by now," said Major John Rutherwood, company commander of the 8th Mechanised Infantry of the Durban Light Infantry, a citizen force called up to police the townships of Natal/KwaZulu.

Ten days ago Major Rutherwood's men were ordered to report for a month of duty to provide security for two weeks either side of the South African election. Now they have been told that their call-up is open-ended, and many realise that fighting may be only days away.

"We have tremendous fire power. But we don't want to fire a single shot. Our presence here, in force, is intended to put an end to the never ending cycle of violence," said Major Arthur Scott, a production manager from Durban. "But if we get shot at, we will reply with interest," he added.

The problem for the 2,300 soldiers deployed in the province since a state of emergency was declared less than two weeks ago is that they do not seem to be making a difference. Since they arrived, more than 140 people have been killed in political violence between the African National Congress (ANC) and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP). Residents of Sundumbili said that no one had been in the burning hut because it was being used to store belongings from the next-door house that was burnt a few weeks ago. "The people hide in the bush at night," said a young woman. She refused to say whether the victims of the arson attack were IFP or ANC supporters. "I could be next," she said.

The troops in their armoured vehicles were greeted with cheers and waves from people in ANC areas, but as they crossed into Inkatha strongholds the reaction was more surly. The Durban Light Infantry soldiers, many of whom worked in the townships during the uprisings of the 1980s, may soon find their awkward role of peacekeepers replaced with the job of shock troops.

"There seems to be a chance that we will have to move against the IFP training camps. They are illegal in terms of the emergency, and the politicians are unable to reach a solution. That means we will have to provide township security, and go in to battle. Last week I was watching girls on the beach," said a sergeant.

About 80 per cent of citizen-force men ignored the call to arms, and the sergeant was not confident that the army could field enough men to take over the province.

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Cabinet flees Kigali as army resists rebel push

BY CATHERINE BOND IN KIGALI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HEAVY fighting broke out yesterday in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, as government troops resisted a renewed offensive by rebels battling to take power.

The 19-member government led by Venat Theodore Sindikubwabo, the former parliamentary Speaker, appointed last week after the death of President Habyarimana in a plane crash, fled to Gitarama, 25 miles away. A receptionist at the Hotel des Diplomates, where the government was based, said they were escorted by army soldiers.

Jean-Michel Marlaud, the French Ambassador, his military adviser and other staff were evacuated from the city on a French military aircraft, signalling the closure of the embassy. It also ended its controversial role in supporting the Hutu-dominated military against rebels of the Tutsi ethnic minority.

The French and the rebels are mutually antagonistic. Two non-commissioned officers, who formed part of a team of French military advisers, were killed last week when rebels occupied key government positions.

French paratroops yesterday speeded up the departure of evacuees, who included Libyan families, Russian embassy staff, and 50 Rwandans who worked for the French embassy. The paratroops were preparing for their departure also. Moscow evacuated Aeroflot airline staff, and Dieter Hölscher, the German Ambassador, and his wife left for neighbouring Burundi.

Four hundred Belgian troops arrived in Kigali on Sunday. Some took up defensive positions at the meeting point for evacuees, the French school, which for some time yesterday was caught between government and rebel units firing mortars.



Willy Claes, the Belgian Foreign Minister, yesterday defended the presence of Belgian troops as part of a United Nations force but said a UN mandate for the country had probably been too limited. He told Belgian radio that he had sent troops at the request of the Rwandan authorities and the Rwandan Patriotic Front, which groups Rwandan rebels, and the UN. Belgium is the former colonial power.

The International Red Cross was forced briefly to suspend its humanitarian operations. A local radio station warned listeners to watch for rebels using Red Cross vehicles.

A Red Cross official in Kigali said the Social Affairs Ministry was working with the Red Cross to remove about 800 corpses from the main hospital in lorries and take them to a place for burial. He said they were probably being buried south of the city, and that people were talking about there being as many as 8,000 bodies for burial in that one place.

The Red Cross and Médecins sans Frontières are bringing surgical teams into the city to treat the wounded. However, the Red Cross official said it was unlikely that just two surgical teams, and another in towns south of the capital, would be able to cope. "Right now, we cannot cope. If there's any more fighting, no, we could not cope very well."

The killing of civilians continued as the fighting grew more intense. At one point, two air force helicopters fired rockets.

Exodus of Rwandan refugees puts rare gorillas in danger

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE mountain gorillas championed by Dian Fossey, the American conservationist, and caught on film by Hollywood and David Attenborough, could be the next casualties of the civil war in Rwanda, evacuated researchers said.

The research centre in the Virunga mountains established by Fossey was closed when governments advised foreign nationals in Rwanda to return home. Amy Bevis, 25, a researcher from Colorado, abandoned her gorillas near Ruhengeri on Friday after fighting broke out between government forces and rebels of the Rwanda Patriotic Front. She and her colleagues travelled overland to the Zairean border.

In Nairobi yesterday, she said the gorillas, though no longer targeted by hunters, were under threat from refugees surging through the mountains. "Karisoke is the one place in Rwanda where the border is not guarded, so people wanting to get to Zaire will go through the mountains. There are going to be thousands coming in. The gorillas could be forced into the territory of other gorillas. Often silverbacks [dominant males] will kill each other in close contact."



Overcrowding may push gorillas to kill each other

The gorillas are also at risk from an increase in poaching expected to follow the partial withdrawal of conservation patrols. Gorillas are the victims of traps intended for other animals. Extinction is "a possibility", said Jillian Miller, director of developments at the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund in London.

"After the peace agreement in August last year ... one of the first things we noticed was a huge increase in poaching, a ten-fold rise in the number of snares. Our team collected nearly 50 on a single day," she said. Only 600 mountain gorillas survive worldwide, half in Rwanda.

Gentle victims, page 17

NEWS IN BRIEF

Women in Asia at most risk from Aids

Manila: Asia is superseding Africa as the region worst hit by Aids and the epidemic is likely to have a greater impact on women than men, the Manila-based Asian Development Bank said yesterday. Higher risks of infection caused by frequent births and the low status of women increased their vulnerability.

More than 400,000 people in India and Thailand are believed to be infected with HIV, and health officials fear the two nations could each have more than a million cases by the turn of the century. *(Reuter)*

Seitz retires

London: Raymond Seitz, 53, the American Ambassador in Britain who was appointed by former President Bush and is being replaced by Admiral William Crowe, said he would be leaving London at the end of the month and quitting the Foreign Service. *(Reuter)*

Truce broken

Kabul: Two people were killed and 45 injured in a battle between Islamic factions in the Afghan capital as a multinational group of Muslim clerics arrived to negotiate a peace deal. Thirty people have died since a truce failed at the weekend. *(AP)*

Tours halted

Taipei: Taiwan is suspending government-subsidised cultural and educational exchanges with China over its handling of a fire on a boat, possibly caused by saboteurs, which killed 24 Taiwanese tourists. *(Reuter)*

Student call-up

Khartoum: University entrants in Sudan have been told to report to camps of the Popular Defence Force, an army auxiliary corps, or lose their places. They will undergo some months' training before study starts. *(Reuter)*

700 miners die

Peking: More than 700 Chinese coal miners died in accidents in the past three months, most as the result of gas explosions. In February, 2,000 mines in northeastern Heilungkiang province were closed for safety work. *(AFP)*

Nearer home

Hanoi: The US military sent the remains of nine suspected servicemen from the Vietnam War to Hawaii for identification. Co-operation in the hunt for missing Americans has improved since the US economic embargo was lifted. *(Reuter)*

Pacino's role

Los Angeles: Al Pacino will take the lead role in Oliver Stone's film, *Noriega*, which will cover General Manuel Noriega's military leadership of Panama and his relations with the Americans, Warner Brothers said. *(Reuter)*

Plug pulled

Los Angeles: A 58lb octopus died after pulling out the drain plug in its aquarium tank during the night. "We thought this would be beyond her capabilities," said Mike Schaadt, an official at the Cabrillo Sea Aquarium. *(AP)*

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Neo-Nazi skinheads stand trial for arson murders



Solingen: the house where five Turks died last year

FROM ROGER BOYES IN SOLINGEN

■ The German steel town of Solingen was once considered a peaceful, balanced community. It has still to recover from the violence that followed a fatal fire in a Turkish family home

IN ONE of the most sensitive trials of recent years four German neo-Nazis go to court today charged with murdering five members of a Turkish family in a racist arson attack.

The city of Solingen, known as the Sheffield of Germany because of its concentration of steel plants, has still to recover from the blaze of violence some 11 months ago. The half-timbered house where 19 Turks once lived has been bulldozed: the city authorities did not want the charred ruin to become an object of pilgrimage for neo-Nazis. And perhaps, too, the city elders were swayed by a sense of shame.

Solingen, like all German towns nowadays, has its neo-Nazis cells grouped around karate schools, certain pubs and youth clubs. But for the most part it was, and is, a tolerant community. Turks, Croats, some Serbs and Greeks came to the industrial town after the war to build up the bombed factories and their children now work, not only on the shopfloor of the cutlery and razor-blade factories, but also in travel agencies, restaurants and hospitals. There are 7,000 Turks in a town of 166,000. Of course, there are no Turkish policemen, no Turkish postmen or civil servants. The strict German citizenship laws, based on blood rather than place of birth, virtually exclude that possibility. But Solingen was regarded as a peaceful, balanced community.

To retrace the route of the suspected arsonists on the night of May 29, 1993, however, is to understand something about the structure of racial violence in Germany today. The house in the Untere Wernerstrasse was a home to 19 Turks — the Genco, the Duran, the Ince and Saygin families: a web of cousins. At least one of the five female victims, 18 year-old Hatice Genco spoke fluent German and was regarded by her neighbours as more German than Turkish. The house was bought with money earned in countless night shifts and years of overtime; Germans banks even now are not keen to extend mortgages to Turkish families.

On the afternoon of the murder 17-year-old Christian R. pointed out of the window of his attic room at the Turkish house and told friends it would soon burn. According to his neighbours, Christian R. as a minor his full name cannot be given until court proceedings begin, was mentally unstable, in and out of psychiatric clinics. Over his bed he had pinned a photograph of himself giving the Hitler salute. A former teacher, reluctant to be named, said that the youth frequently turned up late for school. Each time he would blame foreigners and refugees "for crowding out the buses".

Christian R., says the prosecution document, spent several hours before the attack drinking in the Donau Grill pub with 24-year-old Markus Gartmann, the son of a steelworker. Herr Gartmann was a member of the far-right German People's Union and an active participant in the local skinhead scene. Christian R. went home after the drinking session, swearing that he would set fire to a refugee hostel and would gather old newspapers to fuel such a blaze. Nobody in the Donau Grill took him seriously: it seemed like the bluster of a misguided teenager. Herr Gartmann meanwhile linked up with two other youths and headed for a youth centre. The club on the Gabelsberger Strasse is a dreary place where teenagers drink hard, pogo dance, swagger and fight.

Herr Gartmann and the two other skinheaded youths, one a delicate-looking 16-year-old son of a doctor, started to insult a Croatian woman. Two men came to her aid and amid some fast punching and kicking threw them out of the club. The woman's defenders were Croats but as far as the neo-Nazis were concerned, they were Turks.

Chanting lyrics from neo-Nazis rock songs, *Crack the skulls of the turks, Break their bones, Push them down the chimneys*, the three youths made for an all-night petrol station and bought, without any problems, a large cannister of paint stripper. At the petrol station they bumped into Christian R. and from that moment the Turkish house was doomed. Christian R. initially admitted the crime but later retracted the confession and blamed the other three for the arson. His alleged accomplices are trying to blame him.

Frank-Michael Fischer, the fire chief, still seems in shock. "I've never seen anything like it, it was like a fireball flames shot up the staircase," he said.

A neighbour looks at the flattened ground and shakes his head: "The screams were horrifying. One of the girls, a slip of a thing, stood in the window and looked as if she were about to jump. Then the force of the fire sucked her inside."

The fire brigade arrived five minutes after neighbours sounded the alarm but their rotating ladders could not be set up in time and the safety blankets, to catch women and children, were in the vehicles at the end of the convoy. Herr Fischer remembers the scene clearly: the figure of 27-year-old Gursün Ince silhouetted against the window, holding her four-year-old daughter. "She screamed, she jumped, fell on her back to protect the child." The daughter is alive but the mother died.

Disclosure of Clinton taxes adds to doubt over honesty

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE latest disclosures about Hillary Clinton's speculation profits in the late 1970s have raised questions about the Clintons' honesty and their use of a selective drip-feed of information, as new details appear to contradict statements by White House aides.

Bill Clinton received another setback yesterday when George Mitchell, the respected Senate majority leader, effectively turned down the President's offer to be nominated for the Supreme Court.

His withdrawal from the nomination, created by the retirement of Harry Blackmun, the veteran liberal judge, is a disappointment for Mr Clinton because it was virtually fireproof politically. Supreme Court nominations can turn into brutal partisan fights and the President, who told Mr Mitchell that the nomination was his if he wanted it, must now find another candidate.

In an attempt to settle questions over their tax affairs, the Clintons this week agreed to repay $14,615 (£10,000) in back taxes and interest for the tax year of 1979-80. They made their unusual decision after an intensive document search established that Mrs Clinton continued to earn profits in the commodities markets following the nine-month period in 1978-79 during which she turned an investment of $1,000 into $100,000. The Clintons' decision to repay those taxes was voluntary, since American law places a five-year statute of limitations on such cases. However, the disclosure highlights misleading statements given by White House aides.

Last month, a senior White House spokesman said that Mrs Clinton opened a second commodities trading account in October 1979, three months after she pocketed the $100,000 profit. The spokesman said that she had lost $1,000 and closed the account early in 1980 after the birth of Chelsea, her daughter. The reason given was that "she did not have the stomach for it any more and found it to be too nerve-racking".

However, it emerged this week that Mrs Clinton was extensively active in the commodities market during this period. Instead of suffering a small loss, she realised a profit of $6,498, the same amount by which the Clintons understated their taxable income in 1980. A White House spokesman said that "the Clintons do not know how the error occurred but accept responsibility for it. They view it as their duty to come forward, disclose the mistake and pay what is owed."



Charles Sobhraj, right, accompanied by a woman whom he presented as his daughter, being escorted into court in Delhi yesterday

Notorious fugitive accused of jail break

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHARLES Sobhraj, an alleged multiple murderer known as "The Bikini Killer", went on trial in Delhi yesterday for his role in a jail break there in March 1986.

The breakout, from one of India's most overcrowded maximum security prisons, caused an uproar at the time. Sobhraj, a Vietnamese-born French citizen, who was expecting extradition to Bangkok to face murder charges, and six other prisoners escaped past sleeping guards who had been drugged with sweets. Police recaptured the fugitive, one of Asia's most wanted criminals, the following month in Goa.

Sobhraj, born Gurmukh Sobhraj, is alleged to have committed a series of murders and robberies, mainly in Thailand, Nepal and India, preying on young travellers in the 1960s and early 1970s. He boasts a string of masterly escapes: from Indian captivity in 1971, from Kabul a few years later, and from Greek guards taking him to prison on Aegina.

Pregnant Palestinian shot dead by driver

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A PREGNANT Palestinian woman was shot dead yesterday by a Jewish driver as she stood holding an eight-month-old baby on the balcony of her home in a village a few miles north of Jerusalem. Fatma Khalifa, 21, was shot three times in apparent revenge for persistent stoning of Jewish vehicles on a road nearby.

A short distance away, the West Bank town of Ramallah was put under curfew at dawn by Israeli troops as a search for wanted Palestinians was mounted. The town was declared a closed military zone.

Both incidents were symptomatic of how little has changed in the occupied territories since the signing ceremony between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation seven months ago when it was agreed that by today Israel would have completed its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho. The atmosphere between the two sides has soured in the interim as talks have failed to fill gaps in the ambiguous Washington document. More than 40 Israelis have been killed by Palestinians and more than 140 Palestinians killed by Israelis since the September 13 ceremony.

Garbo goes it alone with posthumous perfume

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SHE may have wanted to be alone, but soon she will be a perfume. The family of Greta Garbo, who died in 1990, signed an agreement this week giving approval to "Garbo — The Fragrance", a scent to be named after the enigmatic Hollywood beauty.

Several film personalities, including Sophia Loren and Elizabeth Taylor, have established lucrative mini-industries by marketing their own brands of scent, but Garbo is the first actress to put out a posthumous perfume.



Garbo: scent deal signed by family

Jackson will not face child abuse charges

Los Angeles: Michael Jackson will not face criminal charges for his alleged abuse of 14-year-old Jordan Chandler, according to a report in the American television programme *Hard Copy* (Giles Whittel writes).

Jonathan refused to testify before grand juries investigating the case in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, and none of Jackson's associates who did testify gave evidence damning enough to warrant an indictment, the report said. According to *Hard Copy*'s sources, detectives on the case in Santa Barbara, where Jackson has his Neverland ranch, have been assigned to other duties. Gil Garcetti, the Los Angeles District Attorney, is expected to announce at the end of this month that his investigation is closed.

The news will strengthen the view that Jackson's multi-million dollar out-of-court settlement in the civil case brought by Jonathan's father was essentially a way of buying the boy's silence. The investigators seeking a prosecution are said to be deeply disappointed. "Money talks, justice walks," said one.

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Violent videos are not just a problem for the underclass — we all pay the price when a decadent society looks the other way

What's wrong with a bit of bigotry?



LIBBY PURVES

There will be much trumpeting and chattering, this morning, about the video business. Thin ends of wedges will be invoked. Debate will rage as to whether it is, or would have been, or might be, a dreadful blow to individual liberty if adults were driven from the sanctity of their firesides and forced to brave the streets in order to watch Sir Anthony Hopkins smacking his lips in cannibalistic glee.

There will be more sobbing about our innate human right to watch "Oscar-winners" at home, as if an Oscar were more than a smear of greasy mutual admiration in an amoral and greedy industry.

There was a time when I would have joined in the libertarian chorus, even for home viewing. But having spent a lot of time with small children, I now feel too closely the contrast between their fresh clear vision, attention and trust, and the worst sort of entertainment produced for sleazy, decadent, bored and disillusioned adults. I do not wish the two to come together. Older children, over nine or ten, may be armed against damage by discussion, technical interest, and increasing understanding of the fact that some adults are a bit "sicko", as they put it. They can also appreciate camp and parody. But small children need protecting: and if parents are too idle or stupid to do it, the law will have to. If not, now, through Mr Alton's Bill, then through other measures, however much they inconvenience childless households.

Sorry, and all that: but the price of liberty is that we do not abuse it. And all the evidence is that in this matter we have. The watching of extreme violence, some of it sexual, by small children is not an "underclass" problem: I can introduce you to any number of nicely-reared, privately-educated children who have been allowed by stupid parents or idle minders to watch material I would hesitate to let the cat see. We have got lazy, and the price must be paid. Grown-ups will soon have to leave the house before they can see *Lethal Weapon*, and possibly, yes, *Schindler's List* too. Pity, but there it is. Ways may be found to soften the blow. Perhaps there could be concessions for those who are too genuinely disabled to leave their chairs, or too famous to show their faces at the cinema. Or perhaps we could in time invent a new wide classification like N for Nasty, meaning that a film contains no moral or artistic value at all and is available only on prescription. But something, alas, must be done.

If it cheers you up, think of it as the price of enlightenment. Once upon a time, when there was such a thing as society, there was a principle called "not spoiling it for everyone else". Parents inculcated it into children, saying politically incorrect things like "I'm ashamed of you!". Teachers kept whole classes in for one child's misdemeanour. Adults imposed it on one another, with many a tut and black look from behind the lace curtains. People got sent to Coventry. Whole blood-relations got discarded as "your uncle Arthur, of whom we never speak".

Often unfair, cruel and bigoted, that social mind-set is not one I yearn back to. But it is common to much of humanity, and has been harnessed to great effect by churches, pioneer communities and the Chinese Cultural Revolution. "What do you do," I asked an old countrywoman back in 1980, somewhere north of Peking, "if somebody doesn't work in the fields? Are they punished?". "No. We criticise them," she replied confidently. "Suppose they don't care whether you criticise them or not," I ventured. Blank stares, even from the interpreter. The idea was absurd. Peer-pressure worked. In a freer society, that woman would have been doing her bit for sexual decorum by resting her bosom on a garden wall and informing her neighbour that her at No. 32 was definitely no better than she should be, and that there were nowt new on their wedding night except the sheets.

Now, we are kind and enlightened and we respect the individual and must not criticise. This was apparent in the recent coverage of alienating measures to be taken by family doctors who are fed up with being called out at 2am to people who have just noticed a funny spot on their hand, or can't sleep after cheese.

There was plenty of discussion of GPs' time-duties but no public outrage at the time-wasters. Collectively, we shrugged: there are thoughtless oafs around, so what can you do? Change the system to accommodate their oafishness. Make things awkward for everyone, including those in real need of help in the night. Nobody rose up and named the guilty thousands: yet they were social vandals, as much as anyone who defaces a bus-shelter.

And so are those parents, of all classes, who have failed to stop vulnerable children watching dangerous tripe. And so are the rest of us, who have avoided confrontation when we found our that their children, and ours at their houses, have watched it. We have, as teacher used to say when she kept the class in, only ourselves to blame.

'I'm far too busy to have cancer'

Joyce Wadler tells **Kate Muir**

how she beat breast cancer and lost a highly unreliable lover

JEAN PAGLIUSO



Joyce Wadler: "You're leading a normal neurotic life, then this cancer happens and you say, I don't have time for this"

In her 15th-floor apartment in Greenwich Village, Joyce Wadler is playing back a message on her voicemail. "Your book is hysterical. I love it. I've been rolling on the floor with laughter," says a woman's voice from Philadelphia.

This is a rather peculiar reaction to a book about breast cancer, particularly from a reader who has just been diagnosed with the illness. But then Ms Wadler has written a peculiar book — the first breast cancer comedy, albeit a black comedy, starring her own left breast.

At first she wondered which was more important — the writer or her breasts. Now that her breasts have shown their ability to destroy, "I regard them with new respect, thinking perhaps they deserve not only separate but higher billing." So the book was called *My Breast*.

Women, millions of them in a dozen countries, like the book because Ms Wadler comes out on top, or as she puts it, "Score: Joyce: One Trillion. Cancer: Nothing." Certainly, Ms Wadler has had a lumpectomy, chemotherapy and radiation therapy, but she is still there, healthy and proud of her four-inch pink scar, her war wound.

There is something about tough-cookie Jewish-American women that makes them write — and talk — in this vein of delicious dark irony. Until the intervention of her breast, Ms Wadler had been a journalist, first for *The Washington Post* and later the celebrity-worshipping *People* magazine. She liked journalism — "asking all sorts of questions you shouldn't ask in real life" — but writing her own story is the most liberating work she has done.

Her story is less about the medical aspects of cancer, and much more about what happens when you are leading "a normal neurotic New York life, doing two jobs, having crazy relationships, all those things. Then this cancer happens and you say, 'Excuse me — I don't have time for this' ".

A large part of the book concentrates on Ms Wadler's unreliable but charming boyfriend Nick, and what effect the breast crisis has on their relationship. Her best friend Herb jokes at one point that Nick probably puts getting cancer on a par with losing his hair gel.

We know Nick is a rat when he offers, and fails, to buy and cook dinner for Ms Wadler a few hours after she gets her lump taken out under local anaesthetic. She is at home, bandaged and munching painkillers when he calls from Balduccis, a delicatessen nearby, to ask her to come to bail him out because he only has three dollars and he cannot get any more money out of the cash machine.

As Ms Wadler goes weakly round to Balduccis, she imagines — as she is wont to do — a scene with Freud. "You understand the message he iss sending you," says Sigmund. "You vill not depend on him for *nossing*."

In the forthcoming television drama based on the book, the Freud scenes are cut out since they were considered a little complex for the average audience. Ms Wadler wrote the script herself, and has gone on to a career in scriptwriting. "Romantic comedies, I love 'em," she says with a twisted grin.

Indeed, the twisted romantic comedy is her general genre. But she discovered the lump in her breast while writing a non-fiction book: *Liaison — The True Story that Inspired M. Butterfly*. The play *M. Butterfly*, loosely based on a true story, was a *succès d'estime* in the late 1980s. Its hero is a middle-aged, married French diplomat who falls in love with a beautiful Peking opera singer. But Ms Wadler's research revealed that the French diplomat was really "a 20-year-old kid who went to China in 1964 and met a Chinese guy who, in the course of their friendship, revealed that he was born a woman but raised as a guy."

The diplomat, Bernard Boursicot, was a closet homosexual, but says he believed his Chinese friend was a woman for 18 years, and thought she had borne him a son. Everyone asks Ms Wadler how Boursicot was fooled for so long. She hands out badges now saying: "He did it with mirrors."

Ms Wadler juggled the researching of *Liaison* in Paris with her various cancer treatments. Meanwhile, her relationship with Nick continued to founder. One day as she sat in a café interviewing Boursicot, he asked her, "How can you be alone in Paris?"

"Listen, Bernard," said Ms Wadler, "you proposed to somebody who shaves and you're telling me *I* got problems with relationships?"

She says that the breast cancer cannot be blamed for destroying her relationship — it gives nothing away to say that she and Nick are good friends now — but the problem was the relationship was rocky anyway, and this served to highlight its weaknesses.

Now, Ms Wadler says she is lucky enough to have had "a dress rehearsal of my own mortality" and at 46, she has no intention of wasting time on men who say they cannot cope with commitment. "I had a date like that last week," says Ms Wadler, laughing. "I tell them, 'We're at different stages. Take your clothes. Get dressed in the hall. Taxi.' "

> 'I've been lucky. I've had a dress rehearsal of my own mortality'

Ms Wadler should not be short of boyfriends, since she is endlessly entertaining. Curled up in an armchair wearing leggings, old socks and a silk shirt, she is the sort of person who encourages confession, which is probably what made her a good journalist. In the lace tablecloth, flowered sofa, and her demeanour, there is a hint of her upbringing in a big family in a Catskills' boarding house, the mountain resorts which were the summering place of New York's Jewish community.

This upbringing, and her escape aged 17 to Greenwich Village, has made her both hard as nails and someone who cries at almost any black and white romantic film. Instead of treating doctors like gurus, she had "a real consumer attitude about my body", and a year after her treatment, because she had changed doctors, found her cancer was different in type and more dangerous than the original diagnosis.

She was a journalist, with good health insurance, and used to asking difficult questions, yet her mammogram results had shown nothing for years, and her doctor was partially wrong. What, she wondered, was it like for someone poorer and less pushy?

Her advice is to question everything. Twice. And to take a belligerent attitude to the cancer itself. Ms Wadler even asked to look "*mano a mano*, eyeball to eyeball" at her tangerine-sized lump. She says it was one of the best moves she ever made. "It was out there on the tray; I was over here, and it felt great."

My Breast is published tomorrow by The Women's Press, £5.99. Liaison — The True Story that Inspired M. Butterfly is published on April 28 by Penguin, £6.99.

Why I am proud to walk small

Scientists should stop picking on little people. Height doesn't matter



RACHEL KELLY

DAVID WEEKS, consultant pyschologist at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, this week spoke out against "shortism". Small men, said Mr Weeks (5ft 2in), faced an uphill struggle, studies in America, Britain and Australia have shown.

"Women tend to view taller men as more attractive and adult men tend to view taller young men as having more leadership potential. People think short men are going to be inappropriately assertive to prove their machismo. Short people are less likely to get jobs and less likely to get promoted."

There was no evidence that the stereotype was valid, Mr Weeks continued. "Short people do not have problems about assertiveness at all." Short people were also wrongly seen as being less clever.

"I did some research with the Association of Gifted Children and found the children tended to be average or short," Mr Weeks said. He concluded by appealing for an end to such prejudice.

All very laudable. But I'm not sure Mr Weeks need worry. The notion that sizeism is something we have to worry about — on a par with racism or sexism — is frankly rather silly. Sizeism is a non-issue. The tiny proportion of people who worry about such things are suffering from a Stone Age superstition. Most, I'm sure, do not. There is nothing in our laws that discriminate on sizeist grounds. The long and short of it is that only scientists in need of a thesis take sizeism seriously.

I'll leave aside women, because not even the scientists seem to worry about whether women are tall or small. Both have their pluses. If you're small, like me (5ft 2in) you are called *petite*. If you're tall, you are immediately elegant and long-legged, but risk seeming intimidating.

And so to men. The only certainty is that generalisations about height and its influence are false. Try a few of the older chestnuts: That generals are small, for example Napoleon, Caesar or Alexander The Great. But what about De Gaulle or Wellington? For every tall leader there is a small one to match.

Or that tall men get the girls. But according to another study, this time conducted by scientists at Hamburg University in 1991 for the EC, short men have more than their fair share of wives and mistresses. Dudley Moore and Woody Allen are not short of admirers. Super-models invariably chose men smaller than themselves.

Or that language is sizeist. Queen Elizabeth I, when dying, reputedly said to a courtier when he urged her to take to her bed: "Little man, little man, is 'must' a word to use to a princess?" But "fat oaf" or "stupid hulk" are just as insulting as "little man".

Height is helpful if you wish to become a basketball player or enjoy picking fruit. Yet it is a disadvantage if you wish to become a dancer. Small men used not to be able to become policemen, but then they made excellent jockeys. There is no profound conclusion to be drawn.

Only the royal family and Hollywood stars are still obsessed about height. The Prince of Wales (5ft 10in) is said to have stood on a box when he was photographed with his wife (5ft 10in), but then royalty in the past would have been expected to be tall. Crowns helped the smaller royals to rise egregiously from their courtiers.

Film stars habitually say they are taller than they are, a hang-over from the days when many stars such as Alan Ladd were tiny and had to fool their newly inquisitive public.

But royalty and movie stars aside, the rest of us need not worry about size and I'm sure I don't. Lyndon Johnson once said: "Anything above 5ft 8in is a waste of effort." I feel the same about expending more breath on the subject.

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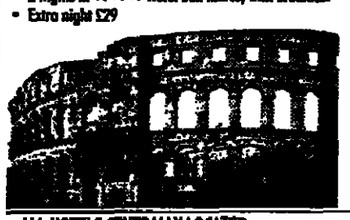
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The victims in the mist


RONALD GRANT

Poignant encounter in the Rwandan forest — a scene from the film *Gorillas In The Mist*, in which Dian Fossey (Sigourney Weaver) meets a mountain gorilla

Rwanda's most priceless natural assets — its mountain gorillas — are threatened by the civil war, reports **Lucy Berrington**

Gorillas are special. In appearance they are our closest relations. And yet they are shy and vulnerable to the encroachment of man. As the two tribes of Rwanda square up for the next round of slaughter in their civil war, what hope is there for these endangered beasts, the country's most precious natural asset? Despite the work of a generation of dedicated conservationists, they may soon be brought to the brink of extinction by man's latest brutality.

The mountain gorillas of Rwanda, made famous by the brave if obsessive American scientist Dian Fossey (who came to love her gorillas far more than any human), became a symbol for the conservation of endangered species everywhere. Again caught up in a bloody conflict, the mountain gorillas' fate captures our imagination. An entire generation was enthralled by *Gorillas In The Mist*, the film based on Fossey's life, which starred Sigourney Weaver.

Last week, scientists working with the animals were forced to evacuate their remote camp in the Virunga mountains, the gorillas' last haven. Speaking yesterday from Nairobi the researchers who have cared for these animals sounded disorientated and shocked by their helplessness.

"It's hard to go back to a civilised country and try to live a normal life after you've been living so freely," said Amy Bevis, a 25-year-old from Colorado who had been at the base for two months. "You get to know the gorillas when you see them daily. They are intelligent, gentle creatures — the innocent ones in all this. And there is nothing we can do to help them."

Such helplessness would have been anathema to Fossey. To her biographer, Farley Mowat, she was indefatigable: a martyr of the animal rights movement, a feisty feminist heroine who became a victim of other people's career ambitions. The biography was published in 1988, three years after Fossey was found with her skull split in two by an unknown murderer.

There is, however, a rival interpretation, which does little to further Fossey's reputation. An investigation by Alex Shoumatoff, titled *The Fatal Obsession of Dian Fossey* and published in *Vanity Fair*, included allegations that she tortured pygmy poachers, whipping their genitals with stinging nettles and stuffing sleeping pills down their throats.

Fossey's methods, which probably cost her own life, made the gorillas, part of a world population of just 600, Rwanda's greatest attraction. Tourists spend their life savings to see them. Mrithi, the most famous, a 400lb silverback who was filmed rolling around with Ms Weaver, was shot dead while defending his family during the previous civil war in 1992. Ms Weaver was reported to be "profoundly disturbed" by the tragedy.

The prognosis for continued gorilla research is not encouraging. Though it is thought that patrols by Rwandan gorilla enthusiasts may still continue, the Western scientists do not know when they will be able to return.

Ordered early on Friday morning to abandon their mountain base with its 32 Rwandan workers and 320 gorillas, Ms Bevis and her colleagues headed for the nearest town, Ruhengeri, with no real idea *of what was coming*.

"We got a call telling us to meet — but the convoy never showed up," she said. "As we drove through the town we saw hundreds of people running with machetes and clubs. My boss said they were going into the hills to kill the Tutsi. I can't imagine anything more brutal than this killing."

"Most people try to wave you down with their hands," said Ynke Warren, from London, at 23 the youngest member of the team. "These people were waving us down with machetes."

Scientists have been monitoring gorilla behaviour and patrolling for poachers in Rwanda for 25 years. Their work has focused particularly on gorillas' group relationships. Amy Bevis's own study subject, close to every American girl's heart, was the role of the subordinate male.

The latest threat to the gorillas comes from Rwandans fleeing to the mountains thereby pushing neighbouring gorilla clans into each others' territory. A new influx of poachers setting traps for other animals is also expected.

The poachers' traps are *indiscriminate and claim two or three* gorillas every year, wounding many more. "The horror of watching a sweet, shy male, crawling behind the rest of his group because his foot is crippled, brings tears to your eyes," said Ynke Warren. With no one on hand to release and nurse them, the number of casualties is expected to increase rapidly.

Fossey's story has no uplifting ending. Her research centre, built on a lifetime's blood, sweat and tears, may well never reopen. Ms Warren sighed: "She is probably spinning in her mountain grave."

When hospital is a sick joke

If you are poor — and the wrong colour — American medical care can be hell

There is no better place to observe the decay of American law and order and the strange workings of the US health care system than the night emergency ward of a New York hospital on a typically violent weekend.

I suffered this remarkably unpleasant experience recently when a bout of food-poisoning turned into something more dramatic and nuclear war broke out in my insides. American doctors, being vastly rich, have better things to do with their leisure time than administer to patients at weekends, so with deep trepidation I carried myself to a hospital in downtown Manhattan.

A British doctor friend had given me this warning after spending two years in New York: "If you are planning to be seriously ill, go home."



BEN MACINTYRE

But nothing could have prepared me for the scene in the teeming hospital waiting room. In one corner a man apparently suffering from Aids, the blotches from Kaposi's sarcoma covering his face, screamed complicated obscenities; a woman with livid bruises on her face and arms was trying to push her way past an armed policemen standing guard at the entrance to the ward.

Before I had filled out the multiple forms proffered by an attendant with an expression of almost inhuman boredom, a man was rushed in on a stretcher with gunshot wounds to the abdomen. I later learnt that I had selected the hospital where many victims of gang violence wind up.

I took my place in the waiting room beside a Hispanic woman whose breath rattled noisily and who coughed incessantly. I asked her, after a gale of racking explosions, how long she had been waiting. She shrugged and made a gesture that implied that time had lost any meaning.

Yet within a few minutes I was singled out for treatment and ushered into the ward. My blood pressure and temperature were taken immediately; I was made to lie down and placed on an intravenous drip.

The reason why I, with a minor illness, had been selected from the mass of ailing humanity in the waiting room, was immediately apparent: unlike them I was white, I had full medical insurance and, perhaps most importantly given the profession stated on my form, I would be more likely than they to file a malpractice suit if left unattended.

Even in this first circle of medical hell, the fear of litigation is all-pervasive.

I had expected to be handed some antibiotics, told to avoid the filet mignon for a few days and sent on my way. Instead I spent the next ten hours watching the doctors and nurses struggling to deal with a tide of drugged, shot or hacked New Yorkers. Once you are inside an American hospital, with the meter ticking on your insurance, it is no easy task to get out again.

To take my mind off the grim clamour I read the paper, to learn that New York police are considering adopting special hollow-point bullets on the basis that regular-issue ammunition tends to pass through the target and injure bystanders. "The heavier round does greater damage to body tissue and organs," *The Daily News* reported gruesomely.

The hospital I had selected is not even the worst. New York newspapers recently reported the case of a nurse at a hospital in Harlem who carried a medical badge reading "In case of injury do NOT take me to Harlem Hospital". She had seen, on a daily basis, what happened there and did not want to be on the receiving end.

"You wouldn't believe the things we get here," said the young, distrait Indian doctor who examined me. "At weekends it's a war-zone. We just patch them up and send them out again."

He talked wistfully of cricket, and said he was planning to get out of New York as soon as he could. "The people here are so unfriendly," he said. As if to illustrate his remark, the Aids patient, having finally gained admittance, sent up a fresh volley of imprecations.

New York, of course, boasts some of the best health care in the world, and some of the most expensive. The disparity between the treatment available to citizens with gold-plated health care and that meted out to the average, uninsured gang member with a bullet in his belly is perhaps the most glaring in America — a disparity which the Clinton Health Care Plan is intended, in part, to bridge.

Only after my grim sojourn in hospital did I realise why the well-to-do New Yorkers of my acquaintance talk obsessively of hospitals, health care and treatment, and why leaving home without your medical insurance card is seen as an invitation to disaster.

Finally, with something akin to reluctance, the hospital staff unhooked me and, after I had signed yet another form stating that "I realise my diagnosis is provisional . . . received on an emergency basis only", I was permitted to go home. I felt immediately, profoundly better.

The secret travellers

Why do we go on loving the train when the bus is cheaper and more convenient? **Matthew Parris** reports

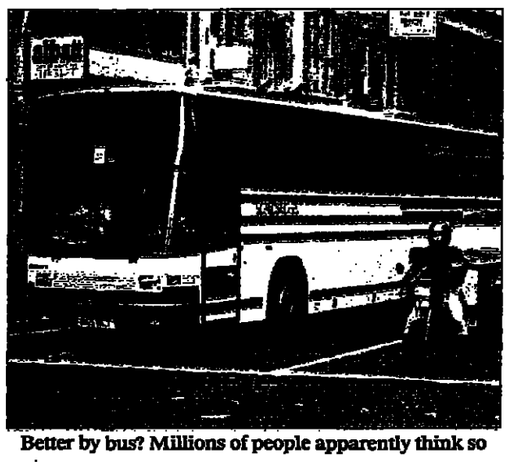
Foremost among the wonders of modern British transportation is an enduring, ever-renewing miracle: the capacity of railways to generate newspaper articles. To many transport correspondents, "public transport" and "railways" are almost synonymous. Who would guess that some seven times as many Britons today travel by coach and bus, as by rail?

Rail revenue may dwindle, return on capital shrink. Trains may fail and passenger services retract. Publicity, however, the railways just keep on generating at a level of output that confounds business experts. So efficient is the railway lobbyists' and enthusiasts' publicity-generating machine that I believe the next half-century will see this form of transport approach every PR man's dream: maximum profile, and no product at all.

Meanwhile, there is another form of transportation which seems to operate according to the opposite law. You might almost call it Britain's secret transport revolution. Since deregulation in 1980, coach travel in the United Kingdom has grown at a pace which would resemble an explosion had it not been accompanied by so little fuss. Every year, more coaches carry more passengers to more places at lower fares — and you hardly read a word about it.

Let me give a spectacular example. There are about two trains an hour from London to Oxford, the last leaving a little after midnight. The journey takes an average of one and a quarter hours. The fare (depending on time of travel) is about £13, return fares can be nearly double. And, first, you have to get to Paddington.

There are about six coaches an hour from London to Oxford. They are run by two companies in vigorous competition. You can leave from Victoria or Baker Street. One of the companies runs all night (every half hour). The fares are about £5.00 single, £7.50 return. One company offers a £5.50 day return. The journey takes about one-and-a-half hours, quicker at night.



Better by bus? Millions of people apparently think so

Three times as many departures, at between a quarter and a half the cost and nearly as fast. Nor need you flog your way out to Paddington. Friends recently came down to visit me in London from Leeds: the fare by coach was £15 return. London to Newcastle, to Bristol and to Scotland are other examples: lively competition between companies is yielding an almost unbelievably cheap and frequent service. Only National Express runs a nationwide scheduled network, but the company faces fierce competition from scores of operators on individual routes. As a result, modern coaches offer a bewildering variety of frills: videos, meals, hostesses, seats that recline into beds . . . on popular routes the passenger can shop around.

Did you know that coaches and buses produce less carbon dioxide emission per passenger mile than trains? Electrified railways, of course, pollute at the power stations, but they still pollute. Did you know that as many people reach their holiday destinations within Britain by coach as by train?

Did you know that some 44 billion passenger kilometres are travelled every year by coach and bus, some five billion more than by train? Did you know that the industry employs nearly 150,000 people?

Did you know that fatalities per passenger mile in 1992 were less than half what they were for rail? That nearly eight million Britons travelled abroad by coach in 1992? That the cost of fares has been falling? That the younger generation in Britain are turning increasingly to coaches as their means of travel?

And did you know that the Government has stopped collecting data on coach journeys? The Department of Transport cannot even be bothered to separate coach from local bus travel any more. The scheduled coach may well now be Britain's most important form of long-distance public transport, but we have no way of tracking its progress.

Why this official disregard for what ought to be a flagship of Tory transport policy? Coach travel is completely unsubsidised, and the explosion of motorway services is almost entirely the creation of a Conservative measure: the 1980 Transport Act, deregulating coach travel. Yet few seem interested.

I suspect Establishment apathy about the coach industry has three causes. One is class, another is age, and a third is ideology. Middle-aged, upper-middle class Tories and all socialist politicians travel by train. The young, the working classes and the middle-to-lower classes travel by coach.

Nobody in the politics of British public transport really represents the coach traveller. Labour, who ought to, are hopelessly and terminally entangled with the railway trades unions. Liberals love trains, preferably steam trains and loss-making rural lines. Tories, where we use public transport, enjoy train travel, and have a romantic attachment to railways.

It follows that literally millions of our countrymen are travelling about the country reliant upon a form of transport of which we are mostly ignorant and towards which we feel vaguely hostile. The *charabanc* has vulgar class associations. Public subsidy in transport — the lion's share of it going to trains, and nothing at all going to coaches — supports the middle classes, as usual. It is the middle classes, overwhelmingly, who commute. Travel in any inter-city train, and you will quickly sense that these carriages, too, are dominated by the well-to-do.

Can you imagine an Act of Parliament compulsorily purchasing land to build an exclusive road for coaches?

Suppose a scheduled National Express coach service from one town to another were threatened with cancellation. Can you imagine politicians calling for a public subsidy to preserve it? Yet railways regularly excite this expensive variety of nostalgia. Because a bus has no tracks, requires nobody with a whistle to start it, and never went clickety-click, it is somehow not an institution in the way a railway service is.

All over the world, railways, where they are not subsidised, are dying. Where they are subsidised, their call upon subsidy is growing. The coach is not just the public transportation system of the future: increasingly, it is the system of today. It is cheap, flexible, reliable.

Perhaps the daughters and sons of Cabinet Ministers should bus it down from Oxford and tell them?



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■ Look hard at those competitive school games. There's something missing

Last Saturday I watched a really cracking football match. One of those matches you walk home from thinking. "Yes, that is what soccer is all about". Fourteen fouls in the first ten minutes, fists flung, throats elbowed, eyes poked, shins hacked, shirts ripped, hair pulled, enough ballistic saliva to fill a trainer's bucket, and a richer variety of air-blueing oaths, I'll wager, than Mary Whitehouse has been able to net in a lifetime's trawling.

Utterly professional. Totally committed. Prodigiously physical. Impressively cynical. Above all, unstintingly competitive, and not a player on the field over 12 years old.

God only knows how it went after the first ten minutes. I had to get home to gut the duck, and Clitterhouse Playing Fields are supposed to be a short cut back from the butcher's; hang around for the first fractured skull and you might as well have taken the paved route. That is why I have never watched a whole match between the teams of small Cricklewood boys who regularly assemble here to bash each other about. As a sports fan, I have missed much. Those with time to stand and stare have probably seen exposed bone.

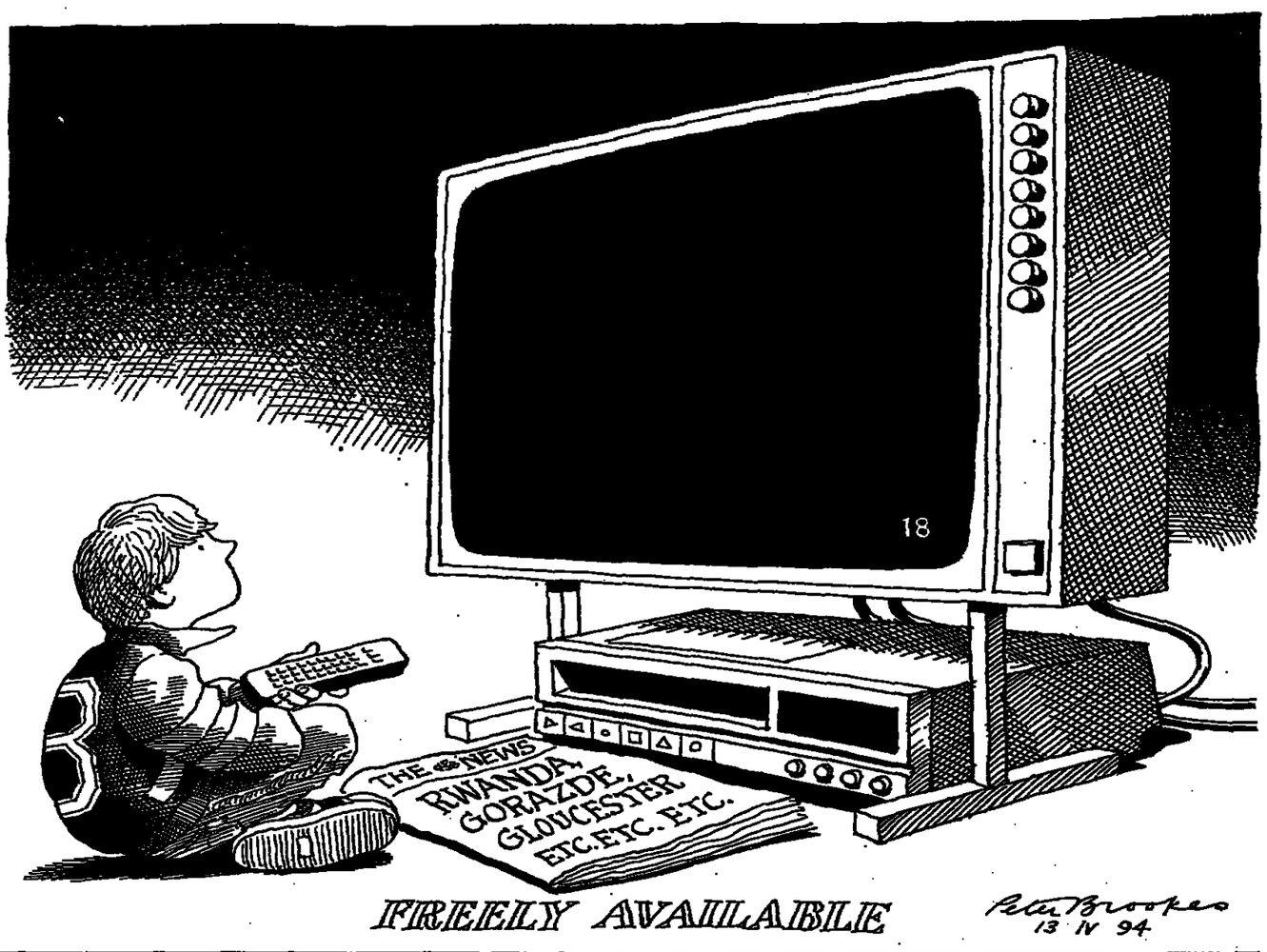
And these matches are friendlies. They are not for the sake of a ribboned coat or the selfish hope of a season's fame, they are not fought for school or club or community, they are played between scratch teams who have convened simply to knock seven bells out of one another. A fact-finding Martian could be forgiven for transmitting to mission control his conclusion that the object was not to win but to take part.

Which was why, as the duck and I strolled home, one of us found his thoughts inevitably turning to Mr Iain Sproat. For our great sports minister, desperate to come up with a basic of his own to get back to, believes that Old Albion could be steered towards moral redemption if only competitive sport were returned to the nation's schools. He thus takes his place in the team picture of that dimwit governmental *galère* which seeks to establish nostalgia as policy, ignoring not only L.P. Hartley's shrewder vision of time, but also its inescapable obverse: the present is a foreign country, Mr Sproat: they do things differently here.

For sport has changed, and competition has changed, and it is too late to change either of them back. We live in an age which has introduced the head-butt to international squash and the crowbar to Olympic ice skating, so that soccer icons like Cantona or Gazza need not feel ashamed of garnishing their genius with brutality, nor Courtney Walsh shrink from dismembering Devon Malcolm; an age when the captain's hand cannot smite anyone on the shoulder to exhort them to play up, play up and play the game because the captain's hand has been punched through the dressing-room door and he has been ambulanced away to the stitchers, leaving Middlesex without him for much of last season: a particular pity, since Mr Gatting is Cricklewood's only local sporting hero, so how are the Clitterhouse kids to behave when the year turns them from soccer to cricket? Might we not much prefer them to stay indoors and watch Vinny Jones's *Hard Men* video?

So then, how smart a move would it be to re-introduce competitive team games to our schools? To invite our youth to model itself upon its heroes, so that fair play and honour and selflessness and respect for rules and disciplined behaviour may shape their social character and instil some moral structure in their lives? Think on't, Mr Sproat.

And while you do, spare perhaps a brief auxiliary reflection as to why the goalposts may have shifted on our unlevel playing fields. Consider, that is, the possibility that our irritatingly jocular practice of making sport a metaphor for the national condition might be sidetracking us from the recognition that it isn't a metaphor at all. Put another way . . . and selecting your favourite core text to put it . . . suppose that Rugby School had been given into the stewardship not of Thomas Arnold but of Margaret Thatcher: who would have ended up with the Victor Ludorum cup on his mantelpiece, Tom Brown or Harry Flashman?



Bombs and blind faith

The air strikes on Bosnia have met with applause. But America, if anyone, should realise that they can only escalate the war

Simon Jenkins

I am sure President Johnson meant what he said back in 1964. "Sometimes our folks get a little impatient," he told his Ohio audience. "Sometimes they rattle their rockets and they bluff about their bombs. But" — here he was emphatic — "we are not about to send American boys 9 or 10,000 miles away from home." America was not sending troops to Vietnam. No way.

But somebody called the bomber's bluff. One bomb led to another. Another led to a marine corps. A marine corps led to an army, an army led to a defeat and a defeat led to a lesson. The lesson was forgotten. Through it all the armchair generals advised and recommended and encouraged. And when it all went wrong the armchair generals advised and recommended and discouraged. The armchair generals survived. The boys were killed.

This week the armchair generals watched with delight as the 500-pounders fell on the road to Gorazde. Following the "proven success" of bombing threats round Sarajevo last month, here was another example of the big stick at work, driving these Serb cowards back into their holes. If they came out again, as the General LeMay of the American air force said in Vietnam, "the solution is to tell them frankly that they've got to draw in their horns or we're going to bomb them back to the stone age".

Comment on the latest American bombing in Bosnia — the first in Nato colours since 1945 — has been universally favourable. Nothing in war is as exciting as the initial engagement. The British press said the bombing was overdue. If these bombs failed to work, then just go on bombing, said *The Daily Telegraph*. The "high ground must be regained", said *The Times*. The Serbs "cannot be allowed to win" said the *Financial Times*. In America Anthony Lewis wrote in *The New York Times* that ten bombs should fall for every Serbian shell.

I am far from the Bosnian war as are most readers of this article. We sit watching, reading, talking. The interests we have at stake are abstract almost beyond definition. We are all generals in armchairs. But we can at least honour the first duty of such generalship, which is to protect truth from being war's first casualty. Take the famous bombing threat against the Serbian guns round Sarajevo. The air lobby already holds it as an article of faith that bombing deserves the credit for the guns' withdrawal. American and British newspapers state it as a fact. The aforementioned Mr Lewis declared that "few acts of foreign policy have been so dramatically successful" as this US initiative.

I know of no expert on the ground who sees things that way. The guns were withdrawn (mostly to Gorazde) because they had achieved all they could round Sarajevo and because of Russian, not American, pressure. It was the Russians' arrival in Pale that gave the Serb commanders "a bridge over which to withdraw". Certainly General Rose timed his ultimatum with skill. But he gave the bombers a wholly false sense of their deterrent value.

That value is being seen for what it is round Gorazde. The bombing threat failed to deter, was implemented and is now predictably undoing much of the diplomacy of the past month. The Serbs have reinstated the siege of Sarajevo and reinforced that of the other enclaves. The Serb commanders have been reinvigorated. The Bosnians have been given a new will to fight against hopeless odds. Aid has been jeopardised and the Russians have been invited back into play on the Serb side.

Plainly General Rose has reached a delicate point. By calling in tactical bombing he is staving off American pressure for blanket bombing. He claims to retain discretion. But the American media yesterday saluted "an end to neutrality in Bosnia", which is not the UN's policy. These are American bombers and they are meant unashamedly to help the Muslims against the Serbs. That is what Mr Clinton's public is assuming. A political threshold is passed. The next move must be to bomb Serbian factories, and headquarters. Then there may be bombing to "demoralise the Serb population". Who knows, there may then be punitive bombing "to return Serbia to the stone age". This is not crystal-gazing. It is a route much-travelled.

Earlier this month the American defence secretary and his military chief of staff showed immaculate caution. William Perry declared that air power could not influence the close combat fighting in Bosnia. Nor would America "enter the war" to stop Gorazde from falling. General John Shalikashvili said the same. Air power was inappropriate. Even General Rose is known to be deeply sceptical of air power.

So why the about turn? Only a total misreading of the Sarajevo threat could pretend that the bombing would deter the Serbs. The one strategic justification would be as a prelude to large-scale ground intervention. Ten thousand troops might be parachuted into Gorazde and another ten thousand into Maglaj to move the perimeter outwards beneath close air cover. All pretence of neutrality would have to be abandoned and Nato decide to enforce Mr Clinton's Bosnia-Croatia peace deal. This involved driving the Serbs out of at least 20 per cent of the land they had occupied and then holding a new border. Since the Russians would resist this, Nato would have to act outside the terms of UN resolutions. Even if the Russians stayed aloof, huge numbers of American, British and French troops would have to fight Serbia in a war of indeterminate outcome, vast cost and devastating inhumanity.

Of course nobody envisages this — as yet. But armchair generals enjoy a luxury not granted to real ones, the luxury of the short term. Each bluff must be called before the next can be advocated. Each burst of moral outrage must be savoured. Such generals want to feel the thrill of the charge, the rumble of the bombs, and feel it to the bottom of their chair springs. They demand every recklessness and blame any mistake on others. The only enemy is the sceptic, the spoilsport. He is accused of "letting evil happen", and thus of being evil's accomplice.

I watch the grim familiar map unfolding and ask, what is different this time? The answer is nothing. Two months ago, there were signs of war exhaustion in Bosnia. The Serbs and Croats were in negotiation. The Muslims had fought near to a finish. There was talk of pulling UN troops out and leaving the endgame to take its course. A mortar fired into Sarajevo market — from a suspiciously unknown source — tore that endgame apart. Nato came back in force. American diplomacy tried to bring Croatia and Bosnia together. This intervention stimulated more Serbian advances and is in ruins.

Now the bombing has threatened relief to the enclaves. The UN's original, humanitarian objective in former Yugoslavia hangs by a thread. Britain is pressing America to send ground troops, and being pressed to send more itself. So are other Nato states. The political pressure in London to "give General Rose the men to finish the job" is palpable. Each Serb advance, each Muslim resistance increases Bosnia's magnetic vortex.

The calmest heads seem to be in Moscow. Only the Russian negotiator in Pale, Vitali Churkin, is now able to exert any leverage on the Serbs. His skill stands between Bosnia and what the American admiral on the scene, Leighton Smith, ominously calls a further "acceleration of the peace process". (If the Serbs do back off at Gorazde, I hope nobody will claim a victory for the bombers rather than for Mr Churkin.)

America is refusing to send ground troops to "stop the war". But then a week ago it said it would not extend the bombing and not put Mr Clinton's prestige at stake in Gorazde. It has done both. If America means to end Nato's neutrality, what is the point of bombing without the ground troops to follow it up? Where is the beef? What fools are expecting General Rose to take sides against the Serbs with so little force to deploy? Sooner or later something must snap.

I fear what it will be. President Johnson said in 1964 that "we seek no wider war" in Asia. But a wider war needs no seeking. It is the one target a bomber never misses.

A left and a right to free speech

Geoffrey Wheatcroft on nasties, Nazis and nebulous laws

Free speech often finds its most dangerous enemies among those who claim to be its friends. Traditionally, the political right were the most energetic censors, while the left at least pretended to favour freedom of expression. Now free speech finds itself under insidious encircling attack from both sides, the old moral censorship of the right matched by the new politically correct censorship of the left.

Both have been in action this week. A campaign on the one flank to suppress "video nasties" is matched by one on the other to "Stop the Nazi Threat". As usual, and in both cases, the road to censorship is paved with good intentions. Just as none of us like racial hatred, so we all deplore the corruption of children. The amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill tabled by the Liberal MP David Alton, to prevent children from hiring X-rated videos, thus received wide parliamentary support. No matter that renting "classified" videos to under-age chilren is already an offence punishable by a £5,000 fine. And as the director of the British Board of Film Classification, James Ferman, pointed out, true "video nasties" have been banned for nearly ten years.

In order to extend this proscription, Mr Alton's amendment — now withdrawn in favour of draconian legislation from Michael Howard — was not so much loosely as absurdly framed. It aimed to ban home rental of films which contain "inappropriate role models" for children or are psychologically harmful to them. Not long ago we had the case of the headmistress who didn't want her little charges to be tainted by the "blatant heterosexism" of Romeo and Juliet. You could scarcely blame her for wondering whether Macbeth and Othello were appropriate role models for the young. As for psychological damage, men have been driven mad by reading Nietzsche or listening to Wagner, but that is not necessarily a reason to ban them.

Conceding that the amendment would make it harder for adults to watch what they want, some newspapers argued that some parents were so irresponsible that the law had to intervene for the sake of the children. No doubt so, but how far does this principle of the lowest common denominator apply? If none of us may do anything which might be dangerous when done by the feckless, life will be uneventful indeed.

But the greatest threat to free speech at present does not come from paternalist Conservatives. It comes from the new paternalists of the left. The full force of political correctness has not yet crossed the Atlantic. We are so far spared the "speech codes" which so many American colleges have adopted, and the baroque catalogue of euphemism enforced by some American publishers and newspapers. All the same, the current is running that way.

On the left, a residual embarrassment about directly attacking free speech can still be detected. Thus, a feminist group call themselves the Campaign Against Pornography and Censorship. This wonderfully weaselly name (imagine a "Campaign for Fox-Hunting and Animal Rights") could only have been thought up by people who, while engaged in promoting censorship, are slightly ashamed by the thought of it.

The same embarrassment, or evasion, is seen in another weasel phrase: "no platform". It entered the langauge in the 1970s. "No platform for racists" was the slogan used by student activists who wanted to ban those with whom they disagreed (of course, the activists defined who was a racist). It has now reappeared. In response to the British National Party's modest successes, a group has appeared called Media Workers Against the Nazis.

This might seem unobjectionable until you read Paul Foot's exegesis in *The Guardian*. It isn't enough to expose "the dangers of fascist propaganda", he says. The Media Workers intend also to "contest the right of a platform for such propaganda". Translated, this means they want to censor opinions they dislike.

It is effortless to concede that the BNP is a nasty piece of work (though it is also an essentially unimportant one which, like the National Front before it, is being built up by its enemies for reasons of their own. There is no remote possibility of the BNP's winning a single parliamentary seat). Just as obviously, Mr Foot's argument is as extensive as it wants to be.

Neo-censors like the American Catherine MacKinnon want to ban obscene books not because they deprave and corrupt but because their very existence threatens women. The ironical title of Miss MacKinnon's book *Only Words* intends that words can be as dangerous as deeds.

That was also the argument used by those who said that Salman Rushdie had brought his troubles on himself by writing a novel which caused so much "hurt". It is now the argument these "media workers" use, claiming that there is no valid "difference between what fascists say and what they do". Therefore, if you dislike what they do you must forbid them to say anything.

This country already has more than enough laws inhibiting free speech, and more than enough people who need to be told that the answer to lies is not to gag the liar but to tell the truth. It is wearisome to explain that to politicians. To have to explain it to journalists is rather horrible.

Degrees of separation

LOCAL government elections may be governing the headlines, but Cambridge University is a-flutter with an impending election of a very different kind. For the first time in more than 30 years, the university senate, consisting of all 120,000 graduates with MAs or higher degrees, is going to the polls.

The last senate vote appears to have been in 1963 when Quintin Hogg, now Lord Hailsham, was narrowly awarded an honorary doctorate. But senate votes on doctorates were stopped in the late 1960s and the latest poll has been forced, say its protagonists, to prevent further erosion of the senate's influence.

This vote concerns the appointment of four new members to the Nomination Board, a committee which proposes candidates for the offices of the university's Chancellor (currently Prince Philip) and High Steward (Lord Runcie).

"Since the Nomination Board is not obliged to put forward more than one candidate for the offices, it is effectively an appointments board," says Timothy Milner, the painter and Peterhouse graduate spearheading the senate's campaign. "The composition of the board therefore raises constitutional questions worthy of a ballot."

Nonsense, says the university. "The whole exercise is crashingly inconsequential," declares Geoffrey Skelsey, a spokesman. The voters will decide — as long as they turn up wearing gowns to the Senate House in Cambridge between 10am and 4pm on Friday, April 29, or Saturday 30.

Horror Channel

EUROTUNNEL executives will be cursing over their croissants this morning after hearing of French television's plans for a prime-time mini-disaster movie, *Fear Under the Channel*.

The half-hour thriller, in which terrified passengers are robbed at gunpoint, is scheduled for screening in France on the eve of the official inauguration of the Channel tunnel by the Queen and President Mitterrand. The producers, the French satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo*, say the film is a simple comedy. Eurotunnel, however, seems to be missing the joke.

"This is in very bad taste. We don't appreciate this at all," puffs a spokesman in Calais. "It could add to the fears people may have in taking the train."

DIARY

● *The Property Misdescriptions Act may prevent any mention of sexual athletics, but there is excitement in Regent's Park that Sir Ralph Halpern's London home is on the market. Even at £1.75 million, the Grade I listed house overlooking a boating lake is attracting interest.*

A serious case

MICHAEL PORTILLO may be making himself freely available to the media as head of the Conservatives' London council election campaign. But he is unusually reticent when it comes to another matter close to his heart — the recent fate of his luggage.

There are rumours that after the flight back from Morocco where he sensibly spent his Easter break, a Portillo bag was not reunited with its pleasantly bronzed owner. Worse, it is whispered in Tory Central Office, the errant piece contained pages of phrases carefully fashioned by the Cabinet minister during his sojourn for the London campaign.

Given the controversial nature of recent utterances from Portillo, his aides are less than forthcoming, fearing perhaps that an unsuspecting baggage handler is at this minute leafing through the weighty document.

Euro-peptic

KENNETH Clarke evidently means to eat his way into favour with the right of the Conservative Party. With Michael Heseltine's wooing tactics very much in mind, Clarke's lieutenants are joyously boasting that the well-padded Chancellor will be special guest at a supper on April 28 organised by the notoriously right-wing Denbigh Club.

The club's unashamed bias is amply demonstrated by members such as the Euro-sceptic lobbyist Patrick Robertson and the young Tory Turks of the '92 intake, MPs Alan Duncan and Bernard Jenkin. "We very much look forward to meeting the Chancellor," says Robertson. "We have a number of items on the agenda to discuss."

No doubt. For, to date, the guests have been strictly "of the faith", namely Messrs Lilley, Portillo and Parkinson. And the likely subject of discussion? Europe. It all sounds a perfect recipe for indigestion.

Air restorers

THE FEMININE face of D-Day is to be celebrated next month at the Imperial War Museum, with a lunch for the "Flying Nightingales", one of the first groups of women to land in Normandy. They were the plucky airborne nurses who tended the injured being airlifted from Normandy to Salisbury Plain.

Edna Morris, a Nightingale who flew on the very first Dakota to Normandy, will never forget the experience, for she met Glyn Morris, a wireless operator on her plane, for the first time and later married him. "And another nurse, Joyce Taylor, married her navigator," she says.

Field-Marshal Lord Carver, who was in France as Commander of the 4th Armoured Brigade at the time, sadly never came across the Nightingales. "But when I was evacuated from Alamein there were lovely nurses," he remembers. "It made all the difference in the world. Not because they were pretty, but because they were women."

Blanc expression

LE MANOIR Aux Quat' Saisons, one of Britain's most expensive restaurants, is, as it were, in the soup. It has been ordered by South Oxfordshire District Council to remove a huge advertising sign which it has erected on the M40. The sign, the council has decreed, is dangerous to "users of the motorway and therefore detrimental to road safety".

As if that was not enough, owner Raymond Blanc, whose arrangement of food is nothing if not artistic, has been told that the sign represents an "incongruous, prominent and intrusive feature". Le Manoir is holding out. Duty manager Sue Williams says: "We're not taking it down. There is a large sign for The Three Pigeons pub near ours, a very Heath Robinson affair, and have they been asked to take that down?"



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PRINCE OF PERHAPS

Clinton makes the world a more dangerous place

At Nato last January, President Clinton lectured America's allies on the folly of inconsistency. Faced with threats to international security, he said, the allies must promise only what they were determined to perform. Yet the latest ducking and weaving on Bosnia is part of a pattern of American tergiversation visible from Port-au-Prince to Peking. In the past six months, the Clinton Administration has declared first the Pacific, then Europe, to be its absolute priority; has hailed Japan as its "strategic partner", only to impose mercantilist demands on Tokyo in the name of a crusade for free markets; has marched its troops up the hill and smartly down in Somalia and Haiti; and has let it be known that America is all for humanitarian intervention but now expects other countries' soldiers to assume the job of "bearing any burden" for peace.

No government is finding it easy to develop the multi-faceted foreign policies that the disorder after the Cold War demands. But it is precisely because there are now more wild cards in the pack — North Korea, Iraq or Iran are familiar, the tensions within and between the republics of the former Soviet Union troublingly unfamiliar — that American leadership is as important today as when Harry Truman formulated the doctrine of containment.

Mr Clinton has acknowledged the mounting criticisms of his disjointed handling of American diplomacy, admitting that US foreign policy needs to be rethought. But he added that this could take "a couple of years". This relaxed attitude might matter less if he had a strong foreign policy team. Instead, he has Warren Christopher, whose world view is best illustrated by his assertion at his confirmation hearings that the State Department needed "an American desk" and that he would be "sitting at that desk". Mr Christopher, to his credit, believes in "pro-active" foreign policy, but he is a lawyer lost without a brief, and he has so little access to the President that it was weeks after his disastrous trip to China in March before he was admitted to the Oval Office.

Mr Clinton is no better served by his National Security Adviser, Anthony Lake, another veteran of the Carter years who is so reclusive that he has been dubbed Greta Garbo by diplomats. When Mr Lake does speak, moreover, he compounds the impression of intellectual confusion. Last year, he proudly affirmed that the Clinton Administration not only knew "where Africa is", but intended "to contribute to where it is going". And last week, he declared that America was firmly committed to sending troops to Bosnia provided first that there is peace and secondly, in a repetition of the Somalia operation, that they will be pulled out at the first sign of resistance. This is what Mr Lake calls "defining our mission, clearly and early". No wonder that the daily national security briefing is no regular part of Mr Clinton's routine.

As candidate, Mr Clinton was frank in his determination to rebuild America's economic strength — and wise to describe this as an integral part of safeguarding America's security and global influence. But he also committed the US to help Russia, to halt the spread of nuclear weapons, to strengthen the UN, and — rather vaguely — to stand up to tyrants as, he said, the Bush Administration had failed to do. After a promising start, Washington's policy on Russia amounts to little more than cheering Boris Yeltsin and vilifying the International Monetary Fund. It is unwilling to contribute either men or enough money to UN peacekeeping, and has the worst team in New York since Andrew Young was sent there by Mr Carter to embrace "African values". A robust warrior on trade, Mr Clinton deals uncertainly with tyranny: cynics say Bosnia should have picked a trade war with Washington.

There is, above all, no knowing today when, or whether, America would be prepared to use force. Is the US serious about preventing North Korea from becoming a nuclear power, or is it only, as the Defence Secretary, William Perry, has hinted, trying to stop it having too many bombs? Is there any value in Mr Clinton's pledge that the security of Central Europe "affects the security of America"? So long as aversion to risk is the hallmark of American foreign policy, the world is a dangerous place.

WHEN MOTHER WORKS BEST

Unnecessary choices between family and job

In select committee room 15 yesterday the Employment Committee of the House of Commons sat to discuss the problems that mothers face at work. Was there a single female face to be seen? There was not.

In an earlier session, Diane Abbott MP suggested that the committee might be better informed if its members, like her, had to get up at 6am, dress a two-year-old and take the child to a nursery before starting work. She has a point. The Government contains just one mother of a school-age child among its 109 ministers. One does not need to endorse a quota system to suggest that today's policymakers may be ill-equipped to consider the problems that millions of British women face in trying to juggle the demands of a family with a working life.

Despite the extraordinary advances in information technology of the past 20 years, most women and men are still expected to be in their workplace for the majority of their waking hours, 48 weeks of the year. Add an hour or two wasted in commuting and it is not surprising that the number of hours parents spend with their children has fallen by 40 per cent in one generation.

When politicians complain about the rise in juvenile delinquency or the lack of parental discipline, they less often stop to consider why this might be. It is no use exhorting women to give up work and become full-time mothers: some will but most cannot afford to do so and many would go mad with loneliness and boredom if they did. Much can be done, though, at little or no cost, to make a working life more compatible with being a parent, for both sexes.

Improving life for Britain's children — society's most valuable commodity — needs changes in attitude in both the public and the private sector. Planners could encourage companies to set up subsidiaries in or near residential areas, rather than in city centres, so that commuting time could be cut. The Treasury could devise schemes for helping employees and employers to finance longer periods of leave for parents after babies are born, and to help with the costs of childcare.

But it is employers who can do most to help mothers — and increasingly fathers — of small children to spend more time with them. Part-time work and job-sharing are suitable for such parents. But many employers disdain such arrangements and many employees worry that they will be written off for promotion if they are not at their desks for eight hours a day, five days a week.

Working from home is perfectly practical for many employees now — most of British Telecom's directory enquiries operators do so — and ought to suit both sides. The employees can save on commuting time, and may even be able to have lunch with their children rather than their colleagues. If they want a taste of office life, they can come in once or twice a week, but there is no need for them to be chained to their desks.

The beauty of these parent-friendly employment policies is that they actually save employers money. Office space is expensive; employees' homes are free. Women who return to work after having children save the considerable cost of having to recruit and train a replacement. And workers who are less subject to the conflicting demands of work and family will be better employees and better parents.

MUSE OF FIRE

A great actor can be more than a brief chronicle of his time

Sir John Gielgud will be 90 tomorrow. He is characteristically embarrassed by the anniversary, and simply wants to get on with his work without fanfare or fuss.

Work on! Worthy deeds can still be done by nonagenarians, especially those who feel themselves, as Sir John confessed on television last night, becoming younger and younger. Into the tenth decade, Picasso was still drawing his magic from deceptively simple lines. Wren was not yet interred under his monumental dome, and Leopold Stokowski carried on conducting.

But 90 is at least a good chronological marker, a provisional pause for taking stock. As 90th birthday present, it would be impertinent to wish Sir John new roles. That voice like an angel trumpet-tongued, sounding in Sir Alec Guinness's phrase like "a silver trumpet muffled in silk", was never quite right for extroverts such as Falstaff or hearties such as Macbeth. But no voice this century was better suited for lean and hungry intellectuals, those troubled by doubt in the century of Freud. In the way that Garrick set the standard for Richard III, Kean for Shylock and Olivier for Henry V, no actor will ever be able to play Prospero or Lear or Hamlet or Cassius again without measuring himself against Gielgud's performances. When Gielgud spoke the lines, you could hear that other elusive and introvert intellectual, Shakespeare, offstage thinking.

In his first professional part on the London stage more than 70 years ago, Gielgud as the Chorus in *Henry V* wished for a muse of fire. Muse of fire and muse of ice are those whom he has served ever since. A trivial but appropriate birthday present would be to rename some theatre after him. But his best 90th birthday present was his performance of Lear on Sunday on Radio 3, in which the finest of this generation's actors, from Judi Dench and Eileen Atkins to Robert Stephens and Richard Briers, from Derek Jacobi and Bob Hoskins to Emma Thompson and Kenneth Branagh, were content to take small parts and fees.

Acting is the ephemeral art, and actors are the brief celebrities and interpreters of their time. An impossible Gielgud birthday present for the rest of us would be to possess recordings, in sound if not in vision, of his 70 years of stage performances, rather than his recorded and sometimes trivial parts for film and television. Those stage performances are gone with the rapt silence and wind of applause after curtain down, living on only in printed record and legendary reputation. But Sir John Gielgud's playing will defeat the actor's old enemy by echoing down the generations yet unborn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Radical approach to Irish impasse

From Sir William Ryrie

Sir, The Government was right to dismiss the IRA's absurd three-day truce as cynical. But surely the time has come to break out of the frozen immobility of the Irish situation. We have become so bogged down in the situation that we no longer discuss the basic realities and issues at all.

We are allowing ourselves to be ruled by two sets of extremists. If we take the attitude that we will not discuss serious political or constitutional change until the IRA renounces violence, we are in danger of drifting into a situation in which it is the IRA which is determining the agenda in Northern Ireland. But the Unionists are extremists, too, in the sense that they will not contemplate political change and see only one way forward — to defeat the IRA and then continue as before. The "Loyalists" enjoy virtually no support in Britain. We must not be ruled by these people.

Not nearly enough attention has been paid to the views and interests of the British people, most of whom are heartily fed up with the Irish situation and would welcome a break with the past. Admittedly, a part of British opinion would probably favour a solution which would not be morally supportable, namely unilateral withdrawal from Northern Ireland. But rejection of that solution does not mean that basic change, consistent with democratic principles, is impossible.

The Downing Street declaration implies some kind of plebiscite and that is probably bound to be part of any process which will solve the problem. But the principle of self-determination, made much of in the declaration, always involves a choice, more or less arbitrary, about the units and boundaries within which people are to cast their votes. Why are we not discussing these issues?

Why, for example, is it assumed that the only democratic solution is for the people of the six counties of Northern Ireland, *voting together*, to decide what they want? The six counties of Ulster are an artificial construct. The boundary of Ulster is not God-given and was not always where it is now. If it had been drawn farther west and south, the Protestants would be in a minority. The Catholic minority in the present Northern Ireland was never given an effective choice between joining the Republic or the UK.

A reasonable approach to self-determination in Northern Ireland would be a plebiscite in which the votes were counted in smaller units, e.g., county by county. And there would be room for a variety of choices, such as joining the Republic with autonomy guaranteed by London and Dublin (and perhaps Brussels).

An opportunity exists now for the British Government to develop new proposals with whoever will talk reasonably — above all, with the government of the Republic, bypassing both the IRA and the Protestant extremists unless and until they come to reason. The Downing Street declaration is a step forward, but it is not the only possible way to a democratic solution. Above all, the British Government must keep the initiative and not hand Sinn Fein a veto over the process.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM RYRIE,
211 Coleherne Court,
Redcliffe Gardens, SW5.
April 12.

A common vision

From the Bishop of Bristol

Sir, It is a pity that Mr Naylor was not at the meeting in his parish to which he referred in his letter of April 9, for he would have heard the whole discussion on the models of spiritual leadership.

I plead guilty to not supporting a model of spiritual leadership based on a commanding officer giving orders to his troops.

I did offer, as an alternative, a model in which men and women, as free and responsible individuals, are invited to share a common vision of the Kingdom of God and the call to be imitators and disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

Yours sincerely,
BARRY BRISTOL:
Bishop's House, Clifton Hill,
Bristol, Avon.
April 11.

Fabric of the Church

From the Chief Executive of English Heritage

Sir, Your leader of April 4, "Fabric of the Church", was quite right to identify the churches of this country as the focal point of the nation's artistic and architectural heritage. In 1984 English Heritage took over the Government's state aid for churches scheme (begun in 1977) and since then we have offered £71.6 million towards major repairs to ecclesiastical buildings in use, mostly the buildings of the Church of England.

In the next 12 months we expect to offer parishes over £13 million to maintain their "small gems in the country". Nonetheless, we know how great a challenge it is for congregations to meet the remaining repair and maintenance bills.

Cathedrals have a wider catchment area for their appeals, but even so, our 1991 cathedrals survey showed that the 61 Anglican and Roman Catholic cathedrals needed to spend £185 million on building repairs and facilities within the decade. The Government has given English Heritage £19.5 million over five years (1991-96) specifically for cathedral repairs. This will enable us to make up the shortfall which is outstripping the efforts of even the most devoted cathedral fundraisers in their bid to keep these buildings repaired.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER A. PAGE,
Chief Executive, English Heritage,
23 Savile Row, W1.

From the Vicar of Bottisham and Lode with Longmeadow

Sir, I applaud the Archbishop of Canterbury's comment that church buildings are an "unfair burden" on churchgoers and that he is "not in the business of being a museum director" (report, April 4).

I increasingly feel that I am being asked to be the curator of a museum that has very little to do with the worship of a living, loving God.

I would welcome more help from state funds for the upkeep of our historic churches but sadly I feel that this contribution would make the conservation lobby's noose around our necks even tighter.

As a result of a fire in our church in November we are likely to have a lovely decorated church in May but nowhere to sit because of arguments about pews by various conservation groups. History seems to take precedence over the pastoral needs of the worshipping congregation.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL FROSTICK,
The Vicarage, 86 High Street,
Bottisham, Cambridge.
April 4.

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VE-Day to celebrate war or peace?

From Senior Dr A. Weber

Sir, The fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe (letters, March 25, April 5) is an occasion to strengthen the ties of friendship and to recognise the spirit of reconciliation that has existed between members of both countries ever since the conflict which caused so much suffering to servicemen and to civilians alike on both sides.

In 1945 British officers living in Reading who had fought in Germany invited starving German children to their homes. Out of this initiative grew a spirit of friendship between people of Reading and Düsseldorf which eventually led to an official twinning. There are now more than 350 such twinnings, between British and German towns, many of which extend to partnerships between their Christian congregations.

Thirty congregations of the German Evangelical Synod can testify to a tradition of friendship with British people which has existed not only since the war but also before and during it. In 1988 the Church of England and the Evangelical Church of Germany entered into the Meissen agreement for co-operation and church communion on the way to visible unity. God's urgent offer of reconciliation does not allow delay: it is a necessity today for all those who are still mourning the consequence of that brutal war.

As a German born during the war (1941), I acknowledge with gratitude the sacrificial and successful efforts of the Allies who fought the tyrannical power in Germany — although I doubt if all the bombings of cities were strategically necessary; but I hope that on the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the European war the spirit of reconciliation will prevail over the spirit of chauvinism.

Yours faithfully,
ALBRECHT A. WEBER,
Evangelische Synode Deutscher Sprache in Grossbritannien,
78 Station Road, Barnes, SW13.
April 11.

From Oberstleutnant Graf von Brockdorff

Sir, I have no wish to parade down Whitehall on VE-Day next year, nor do I know of any of my peers who plan to do so. We know that Germany stands accused of unspeakable crimes in the Second World War and rightly so.

It was largely my generation that cheerfully sought to join good regiments in order to fight a war for our country; we were aware that Hitler was a despicable dictator, we were unaware of crimes beyond our imagination committed behind our backs.

When we joined many of us felt that somehow we would get rid of him and his stooges when it was all over. To have served to promote his regime is a sickening thought: it will probably haunt us to our last day.

Yours faithfully,
CAY BROCKDORFF,
Schwalbenweg 12,
64546 Walldorf, Germany.

From the Ambassador of Ukraine

Sir, Reports on the forthcoming celebrations of VE-Day in Great Britain mention that representatives of Russia will participate in that event. Assuming that Western (and British) mentality still fails to differentiate Russia from anything else related to the now defunct Soviet Union, this choice seems inevitable.

However, even Stalinist propaganda insisted throughout the postwar period that the Soviet victory over Fascism was gained with the participation of all constituent republics of the USSR.

On that basis at least Belarus and Ukraine have as many solid grounds for being acknowledged during the VE-Day festivities as Russia — the more so since their contribution and sacrifice have already been recognised by the Allies in the documents of the Yalta conference of 1945 and by other states which have accepted Ukraine's and Belarus's status as two of the founding members of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,
S. KOMISSARENKO,
Embassy of Ukraine,
78 Kensington Park Road, W11.

From Mother M. Xavier McMonagle, OSB

Sir, On April 2, during the recent furore over the cancellation of hotel places for Allied veterans (reports and leading article, April 5; letter, April 6), we issued a press release about plans for a Mass of reconciliation, at which Battle of Britain veterans, officers of the Royal Air Force and the Luftwaffe will join together at Tyburn, north of Hyde Park. The release pointed out that the Mass would be attended by the present Viscount Montgomery of Alamein and Dr Peter Hartmann, German Ambassador to Great Britain, and that the Mass, on June 18, will also mark the fiftieth anniversary of the day a V1 flying bomb hit our convent, badly damaging it.

Our plans have gone largely unreported. Perhaps a story of friendship, in particular between the air forces of Germany and Great Britain, falls into the Martyn Lewis genre of positive, good news and sadly, therefore, does not rate the attention of the British national media.

Yours faithfully,
M. XAVIER McMONAGLE
(Mother General),
Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, of Montmartre, OSB,
Tyburn Convent,
8 Hyde Park Place, W2.
April 6.

Pensions and payouts

From Mrs Patricia Utechin

Sir, Mrs Helen Homewood, the recipient of almost £300,000 of taxpayers' money, is quoted (report, April 9) as saying, "I feel that I was deprived of choice" — that is, to continue as an Army officer after becoming pregnant.

Was the Army's policy of requiring pregnant servicewomen to resign known to her when she joined? If so, does the principle of *caveat emptor* no longer play any part in the deliberations, and decisions, of industrial tribunals?

And how does the sum of £299,851 (which "could total £500,000 when tax and pension rights are included") compare to payments made to servicemen and women declared compulsorily redundant, or obliged to leave the service as a result of injury in war?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA UTECHIN,
The Lodge, Headington House,
Old Headington, Oxford.
April 11.

From Mr W. G. Horn

Sir, Those of us who served in the Second World War will remember that it could be a court-martial offence to be sunburnt. Unless it resulted from the unavoidable consequences of actual fighting it was considered to be a self-inflicted injury and punished accordingly.

Instead of being paid compensation, these ladies should surely have been court-martialled. Their pregnancies were not unavoidable.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. HORN,
De Berkenhof, Gorelands Lane,
Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.
April 9.

From Captain F. V. Harrison, RN (retd)

Sir, I trust urgent steps are being taken to stop the recruitment of females with the armed forces before it becomes necessary to devote the whole defence budget to their pregnancy claims.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
FRANK HARRISON,
26 Kennington Palace Court,
Sancroft Street, SE11.
April 9.

From Flight Lieutenant M. Rubenstein

Sir, If the MoD is prepared to pay six-figure sums to those who were either careless enough to become pregnant or who perhaps took a quick route to early retirement from the service, how much more should it pay to those who chose to forgo having a family for the sake of the service?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN RUBENSTEIN,
Trenchard Hall Officers' Mess,
Royal Air Force Cranwell,
Sleaford, Lincolnshire.
April 9.

Plans for councils should be debated

From Professor G. W. Jones and Professor John Stewart

Sir, The Local Government Commission announced last December its intention of basing its recommendations for the number of councillors on a ratio of one councillor to 4,000 people. At present the ratio in England and Wales is one to 1,800, which is already far above the ratio in most other European countries, where it is between one to 250 and one to 450.

This proposal to reduce yet further the number of elected representatives has major implications for the state of democratic government. We know of no evidence taken by the commission about this question. We are deeply concerned that a change of such importance should take place without wide debate.

It is no use waiting until Parliament considers the Government's orders giving effect to the commission's recommendations, since debate then will be concentrated on tiers and the boundaries of the new authorities.

The Government should now state its attitude to the commission's proposed reduction of councillors, and Parliament should debate the statement. A reduction by more than one half of the number of elected representatives is surely of sufficient importance for Parliament to discuss.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE JONES,
JOHN STEWART
(School of Public Policy,
University of Birmingham),
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Department of Government,
Houghton Street, WC2.
April 11.

Public finances

From Mr M. C. Fitzpatrick

Sir, Your leader (April 6), in referring to current tax rises, indicates that taxpayers are now being asked to pay off the Government's debts. The fiscal reality is somewhat different.

Total net public sector debt currently stands at around £250 billion. According to the Treasury's own projections (Treasury Red Book, November 1993) the effect of the tax rises this year and next will be to limit *further* borrowing, in the four tax years to 1997-98, to £100 billion in total. Using these Treasury figures, by April 1998 the debt would stand at around £350 billion — a likely increase to about £14,000 per taxpayer from the current figure of about £10,000.

Paraphrasing our famous wartime leader — some debt, some proposed repayment!

Yours faithfully,
M. C. FITZPATRICK
(Senior Tax Consultant),
Chantrey Vellacott
(Chartered accountants),
10-12 Russell Square, WC1.
April 7.

Routes in dispute

From Mr Robert J. M. Caffyn

Sir, Unlike Lord Skidelsky and his friends (letter, April 6), many who work in Eastbourne are delighted that the long-awaited dual carriageway on the A27 from the Lewes bypass to Polegate may soon be constructed. As they point out, a great many people in this area depend for their livelihood on tourism. Tourists enjoy Eastbourne when they arrive but complain bitterly about the last part of the journey. Large employers have left the town largely because of poor access.

Lewes has a direct link to the dual-carriageway Brighton bypass and the motorway system. Resources were found to complete a dual-carriageway bypass to the south of the town in 1977 and a tunnel on the east in 1980. It is now Eastbourne's turn.

If Lord Skidelsky and his friends had to endure the daily queues at Beddingham and Polegate they might view a dual carriageway landscaped carefully beside the railway in a different light.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT CAFFYN
(Director), Caffyns plc,
Meads Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

Red telephone boxes

From Mr Patrick Arbuthnot

Sir, A red telephone box (letters, April 11) sighted last week in Péronne, northern France, turned out to be a plastic lookalike, serving no useful purpose. I was delighted later the same day to find that a genuine red box now houses the public telephone opposite the basilica in Albert, the centre of the Somme battlefield.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK ARBUTHNOT,
45 Plantation Road,
Amersham, Buckinghamshire.
April 11.

Watch it

From Mr Peter Colbourne

Sir, In view of the incompetence of our Government, perhaps the time has come to set up a new watchdog committee — OFFGUV!

Yours faithfully,
PETER COLBOURNE,
12 The Platt, Lindfield, Sussex.
April 4.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 12: The Queen, Patron, the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon visited the Fund's Old People's Home, Glebelands House, Wokingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson) and the Mayor of Wokingham (Councillor Philip Hudson).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the home, escorted by the President, the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund (Sir Paul Fox) and Mr James Higgins (Trustee and President, the Society of Film Distributors).

The Queen subsequently unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir Kenneth Scott and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Latvia and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 12: The Duke of York, Patron, SS Great Britain Project, this morning visited the SS Great Britain, Great Western Dock, Gas Ferry Road, Bristol, and was received by Commander David Gammans RNR (Deputy Lieutenant of Avon).

His Royal Highness, Admiral, this afternoon visited the Sea Cadets, Thornbury, Bristol.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance.

The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, later received Lieutenant Colonel John Moody upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel Wayne Harber upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner for the Golf Foundation at the Ritz Hotel, London W1.

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 12: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Children in Cities 1994 Launch Reception in the Court Room, Bank of England, London EC2.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 12: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 12: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Greater Manchester and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited St Margaret's Church of England Youth Centre and attended a Service of Thanksgiving in St Margaret's Church, Prestwich, Bury.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening opened the Northern Ballet School's Dancehouse Theatre, Oxford Road, Manchester, and was present at a performance by the School in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 12: The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, the Gloucestershire Regiment, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Vine on relinquishing the appointment of Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Westminster Society, this evening was present at the Annual General Meeting at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall, London SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 12: The Duke of Kent, President, the Scout Association, this afternoon received Mr Garth Morrison, Chief Scout.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended the National Language Awards for Export, BAFTA, Piccadilly, London SW1.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
April 12: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Humberside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell).

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the National Association for Mental Health, opened the North Humberside MIND Centre at 42 Saturday Market, Beverley.

Princess Alexandra, Patron, subsequently visited the Hull and East Yorkshire Branch Office of the Alzheimer's Disease Society, at Centre 88, Saner Street, Hull.

Finally, Her Royal Highness opened the Glanford Brigg Generating Station of the Yorkshire Electricity Group at Scawby Brook, Brigg.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the launch of the War Pensions Agency at Lancaster House at 11.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the medical microbiology department at St Mary's Hospital Medical School at 3.00.

Prince Edward, as patron, will attend a concert given by the London Mozart Players at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Citizens Advice Scotland, will visit the bureau at 47 Market Street, Aberdeen, at 2.15; as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open the Aberdeen Carers Centre at 24/28 Belmont Street, at 3.10; will open the new regional transfusion centre for the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service at Foresthill at 4.45; and will attend a fund-raising dinner at the Royal Northern and University Club, 9 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, at 6.15.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Museum of Science and Industry at Liverpool Road, Castlefield, Manchester, at 2.00; will visit the Manchester Law Library, Kennedy Street, at 3.10; will visit the Salford and Trafford Groundwork Trust project at Trafford Ecology Park at 4.00; and will attend the trust's 10th anniversary celebrations at the headquarters of Kelloggs at Talbot Road, Old Trafford, at 4.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the renovated Seymour Park Primary School, Old Trafford, at 2.00; will open Kent Court, the Tung Sing (Orient) Housing Association's project, Victoria Park, Manchester, at 3.20; and will open the new day surgery unit at Withington Hospital at 4.15.

The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, will visit the cottage and rural enterprise community at Marsh Lane, Rowde, Devizes, at 11.30; and, as Honorary President of the Royal Geographical Society, will attend a briefing and reception at Kensington Gore at 6.30.



TOM SCOTT

The artist Alexander Cresswell with one of his watercolours of Windsor Castle after the building was badly damaged by fire in 1992. A collection of his pictures showing the charred castle interior, on loan from the Queen's Collection, goes on show at Spink and Son's gallery in St James's, London, from today until April 28

Memorial services

Colonel Sir Michael Ansell

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller and the Duke of Edinburgh by Major-General Jack Reynolds at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Michael Ansell held on Monday at St Michael's, Chester Square.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Major-General Patrick Brooking, the Princess Royal by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Mr Nicolas Adamson. The Rev Antony Ansell, son, officiated. Major-General Nicholas Ansell, son, read the lesson and Miss Harriet Ansell, Mr Simon Evans and Mr Julian Ansell, grandchildren, read from Colonel Ansell's autobiography *Soldier On*. General Sir Cecil Blacker gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs Sandy Evans (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Nicholas Ansell and Mrs Antony Ansell (daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Mark Ansell, Mr Michael Ansell, Mr Bruce Evans, Miss Clare Ansell and Mr and Mrs Andrew Dunnett (grandchildren), Thomas Ansell (greatgrandson), Commander and Mrs W A Evans and Major-General and Mrs Andrew Evans (stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law), Mr Roger Evans, Miss Susie Evans, Miss Louisa Evans, Miss Lucinda Evans and Miss Alexandra Evans (step-grandchildren); Mrs Algy Williams (sister), Sir Keith Arbuthnot, Mr David Arbuthnot, Mr Christian Morley, Mrs Lucy McDiarmid, Mrs E Knox-Johnstone, Mr Richard Knox-Johnstone, Mrs D Wright, Mr David Boyle, Lady Starkey.

Anne Duchess of Westminster, the Duke of Sutherland, the Duke of Leinster, Jane Countess of Westmorland, the Countess of Arran, Viscountess Melville, Major-General Viscount and Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley, Lord Courtenay, Lord Hanson, Lord Weatherill, Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lord Clinton (representing the Lord Lieutenant of Devon) and Lady Clinton, Lady Rose Clowes, Brigadier the Hon Christopher and Mrs Willoughby, the Hon Mrs Charles Wynn, Sir Harry Llewellyn (British Equestrian Federation and Federation Equestre Internationale), Grania Lady Lowther, Sir John and Lady Fuller, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach and Mr C F Beaumont-Evans (St Dunstan's) and Mrs Beaumont-Evans, Field-Marshal Sir John Stanier (The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards), General Sir John Mogg, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburne (The Queen's Royal Lancers and 17th/21st Lancers), Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens, Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Sir Arthur Collins, Lady Nicholson.

Mr Edward Bonnor-Maurice (British Horse Society), Mr Andrew Finding (secretary general, British Show Jumping Association), Miss Elizabeth Dendy (Riding for the Disabled Association), Mr Peter Lambert (Northern Horse Show), Miss Lizzie Bunn (All England Jumping Course, Hickstead), Colonel T W Kopanski (director, Pony Club), Colonel Bill Lithgow (Horse Trials Junior Team), Mr Simon Tomlinson (Hurlingham Polo Association), Mr R W Bird (British Horse Data Base and Shire Horse Society), Mr John Blakeway (chairman, Horse of the Year Show) with Mr Dennis Colton (senior steward); Major Malcolm Wallace (Equestrian Federation of Ireland), Mr Harry Greenway, MP (London Schools Horse Society), Mr R M Sturdy (representing the Master, Saddlers' Company), Mrs Vera Allen (British Show Ponies Society), Mr Norman Patrick (International Mounted Games Association), Mr Michael Clayton (*Horse and Hound*), Captain Kenneth Woods (5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards), Lieutenant-Colonel M W B Faulkner (Royal Dragoon Guards), Major-General A L Watson (51st Highland Division), Major-General G M G Swindells (9th/12th Royal Lancers), Major Peter Duckworth (The Queen's Royal Hussars), Lieutenant-Colonel R K Watson (Lothian and Borders Yeomanry) and Mrs Watson.

Mr Frank Squires, Colonel Michael Farmer, Mr and Mrs M Cunliffe-Fraser, Mr David Crichton Maitland, Mr and Mrs Christopher Hall, Major and Mrs Henry Woods, Mrs Ion Garnett-Orme, Mrs D Hicks Beach, Mr and Mrs Anthony Fuller, Mr Peter Dimmock, Mrs Pat Koechlin-Smythe, Major B D S Ginn, Mr Simon Brooks-Ward, Mr James Brooks-Ward, Mrs W H Whitbread, Colonel and Mrs R Coxwell-Rogers, Mrs Edward Holland-Martin, Brigadier A T P Millen, Colonel and Mrs Jeremy Smith Bingham, Mr and Mrs Christopher Hall, Mr Michael Gordon-Watson, Mr Peter Laing, Major Michael Hammond-Maddle, Mrs Charles Floyd, Mr David Durnford-Slater, Mrs Andrew Kendall, Mr Antony Wynn, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M R Tomkin, Mrs F J S Whetstone and Colonel G L Wathen.

Mr William Chappell

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr William Chappell was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated. Mr Michael Somes read *So we'll go no more a roving* by Byron and Miss Penelope Wilton read from *The Pie and the Patty-Pan* by Beatrix Potter. Mr Leslie Edwards, representing the Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, and Mr John Standing gave addresses. Miss Jill Martin sang *Springtime* by Frank Loesser from *Where's Charley?* Among others present were:

Dr Pamela Sangster; Lady Selina Hastings, the Hon Colette Clark, the Hon Lady Cazalet, Sir Kerry and Lady St Johnston, Dame Ninette de Valois, OM, CH, Sir Hugh Willatt, Lady Wright, Mr and Mrs Peter Rice, Mrs John Standing, Mrs Michael Somes, Miss Wendy Toye, Mr Ian Holm, Mr Frith Banbury, Mr and Mrs Felix Fonteyn, Mr Ian Carmichael, Miss Moira Shearer, Miss Moyra Fraser, Miss Jane Edgeworth, Mr Michael Codron, Mr Stuart Holmes, Mrs Jane Nicholas, Mr and Mrs Mark Kingston, Mr Alasdair Steven, Mr and Mrs Ronnie Cass, Mr Richard Eastham, Miss Adza Vincent, Mrs S Whitmore, Mr Raphael Maklouf, Mr Stephen Mitchell, Miss Fenella Fielding, Ms Julie Kavanagh, Mr Anthony Besch, Mr Alastair Langlands, Mr Thomas Elliott, Mrs Liz Elliott, Mr Matthew Rice, Mrs Paddy Alken, Mrs Jacky Cartwright, Ms Francesca Franchi (Royal Opera House), Mr Peter Wilson (administrator, also representing the chairman, Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund), Mr Colin Nears (chairman, Birmingham Royal Ballet), Miss Anne Cowen (London Ballet Circle), Mr Peter Baxter-Derrington (representing the founder, International Ballet), Mr James M Penstone (chairman, Vic-Wells Association) with Miss F Cowen (registrar); Mr Geoffrey Brawn (Players Theatre), Mr Ken Gibson (Concert Artistes Association), Mr Sidney Vauncez (*The Stage*), Miss Caroline Cuthbert (Tate Gallery) and Mr Gerald Corcoran (Lefevre Gallery) and Mrs Corcoran with Mr and Mrs Desmond Corcoran.

Birthdays today

Miss Audrey Barker, writer, 76; Mr Stephen Byers, MP, 41; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, 81; Mr Frank Chamberlain, chairman, Test and County Cricket Board, 69; the Hon Alan Clark, former MP, 66; the Right Rev R.N. Coote, former Bishop of Colchester, 79; Mr Liam Cosgrave, former leader, Fine Gael Party, 74; Mr Beverley Cross, playwright, 63; Mr Peter Davison, actor, 43; Mr Edward Fox, actor, 57; Mr Justice Harman, 64; Mr Peter M. Harris, Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court, 57; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, 59; Mr Seamus Heaney, poet, 55; Mr Garry Kasparov, chess player, 31; Mr Howard Keel, singer and actor, 75; Canon J.N.D. Kelly, former principal, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, 85; the Duke of Marlborough, 68; Mr Jonjo O'Neill, racehorse trainer, 42; Dame Margaret Price, opera singer, 53; Sir Stephen Roberts, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board, 79; Mrs Barbara Roche, MP, 40; Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza, industrialist, 73; Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, QC, 67; Sir John Weston, diplomat, 56; Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, 73.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.T. Abbotts and Miss J.E. Smail

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Abbotts, of Offley Rock, Staffordshire, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.P. Smail, of High Ham, Somerset.

Mr P.E. Brown and Mrs M.T. Langstaff

The engagement is announced between Mr Peter Brown, widower of Sylvia Brown, of Storrington, West Sussex, and Mrs Margaret Langstaff, widow of Derrick Langstaff, of Windsor, Berkshire. The wedding will take place in the autumn.

Mr J. Davies and Miss K. Nosworthy

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs A. Davies, of Bromyard, Hereford, and Kirsten, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Nosworthy, of Church Crookham, Hampshire.

Mr J.M. Goulding and Miss C.A. Holt

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Marrack Goulding, of New York and London, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr John Holt and the late Agnes Holt, and stepdaughter of Mrs Andrea Holt, of Speldhurst, Kent.

Mr M. Kenyon and Miss P.J. Harvey

The engagement is announced between Malcolm, younger son of Mr and Mrs John A. Kenyon, of Bolton, Lancashire, and Prunella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith E. Harvey, of Nuthall, Nottinghamshire.

The Hon R.R.G. Yerburgh and Miss K.L. Baldwin

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Lord and Lady Alvingham, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Baldwin, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Colonel Sir Andrew Martin

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Andrew Martin, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire 1965-1989, will be held in the Cathedral Church of St Martin, Leicester, on St George's Day, April 23, 1994, at 11.30am.

RHS Flower Show

A multi-coloured host replaces the gold

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

DAFFODILS have survived the rain, hail and high winds and are among the highlights of the Royal Horticultural Society's Flower Show, which opened in Westminster yesterday.

It seems the trend is away from the traditional, all-yellow daffodil to bi-coloured, especially pink and white and orange and yellow. These colours are very much in evidence in the exhibits from Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, south-west London, Mrs J. Abel Smith, of Letty Green, Hertfordshire, and Hollands Daffodils, of Maldon, Essex. All are showing a wide range of small- and large-cupped cultivars.

Other seasonal highlights are auriculas. Brenda Hyatt, of Chatham, Kent, is showing part of the National Collection of Show Green-grey White-edged and Fancy Auriculas, all displayed in attractive old hand-thrown clay pots.

Lewisias, flamboyant rock plants, are creating a bright splash of colour among the seasonal flowering shrubs and perennials. They have been staged by Ashwood Nurseries, of Kingswinford, West Midlands, and include some of their own strains like the brilliant red "Ashwood Ruby".

This is one of the best times of year for cacti. Southfield Nurseries, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, are showing the flowering potential of various kinds, and have included a hybrid mammillaria of their own raising (*M. carmenae* crossed with *M. lauii*), studded with masses of small bright pink flowers.

Several competitions are being held with this show, including the RHS main camellia show. The Leonardslee bowl for 12 blooms of camellia has been won by Mrs C. Petherick, of St Austell, Cornwall. She has included one of unusual colour, the smoky pink, white-edged "Augusto Goucia Pinto".

In the RHS daffodil show, Clive Postles, of Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, has won the Engleheart challenge cup for 12 cultivars bred by the exhibitor, and the Guy Wilson memorial vase for six cultivars of white daffodils. Both exhibits include the white, small-cupped "Silkwood". Colin Gilman, of Norwich, Norfolk, has won the Bowles challenge cup for 15 cultivars, and D. G. Mathews, of Dover, Kent, has beeen awarded the Richardson trophy for 12 cultivars.

The Alpine Garden Society's London show is also being held with the RHS event. B. Walker, of Solihull, West Midlands, has won the prestige class for six pans of rock plants, and awarded the A.G.S. Sewell medal. He is showing *Sanguinaria canadensis* "Flore Pleno", *Erythronium revolutum* "White Beauty", *Fritillaria meleagris* "Pomona", *Kalmiopsis leacheana*, *Phyllodoce nipponica* and a dwarf rhododendron hybrid. Mrs J. Bishop, of Lightwater, Surrey, has won the Frank Waley cup for six pans of bulbous plants: *Fritillaria pontica substipelata*, *F. involucrata*, *Narcissus triandrus*, *N. bulbocodium tenuifolium*, *Erythronium helenae* hybrid, and *E. revolutum*.

The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Bedford High School

The Summer Term at Bedford High School begins today and ends on July 6. The Guild reunion will be held on May 7 at Bedford High School. For information contact the Guild Secretary at the School. The Middle School play, *Animal Farm*, a joint production with Bedford School will be performed on May 12, 13 and 14. The Junior School play, *Alice through the Looking Glass*, will be performed on June 22, 23 and 24. The Sixth Form Leavers Ball will be held on July 1. Open Afternoons for girls joining the School in September 1994 and their parents will be held on the afternoons of Wednesday, June 15 (Junior School) and Wednesday, June 22 (Senior School). The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) includes in its aims the provision of high quality education for girls. Charity registration no: 204817.

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists

A ceremony for the admission of new fellows and members of The Royal College of Ophthalmologists was held at The Royal College of Physicians of London on Tuesday, April 12, 1994. Among the new fellows were Dr Paul Dodson and Dr Geraint James who were admitted by election. Two honorary fellows, Professor Barrie Jay and Professor Edward Norton, were also admitted.

Luncheon

HM Government

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for Mme Lucette Michaux-Chevry, French Minister for Humanitarian Action and Human Rights.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco were the hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall. Among the guests were: Lady (Nell) Shields, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan and Lady Reay, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Mrs Condon, the Burgermeister of Arnhem, Father Gary Bradley, Canon and Mrs Anthony Harvey, the Rev Dr John and Mrs Tudor, Mr Rodney Brooke, Mr and Mrs Ian Henderson and Mr and Mrs Colin Wilson.

Defence and Security Forum

Lady Olga Maitland, MP, President of the Defence and Security Forum, presided at a dinner held last at the House of Commons. Mr Rupert Allason, MP, was the guest speaker.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, was in the chair at a foundation lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr John Hillier, Professor Alan Smithers and Mr John Berkeley were the speakers.

Institute of Physics

Mr Clive Foxell, President of the Institute of Physics, presided at the annual congress dinner held last night at the Brighton Metropole Hotel. Mr John G. Collier was the guest speaker.

Service dinner

RAF Dinner Club

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF Dinner Club held last night at the RAF Club. Air Commodore M.D. Smart presided. Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham and Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson were also present.

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BIRTHS

BALICKI - On April 2nd, 1994, to Annabelle (née Redgrove) and Robert, a daughter Lucy Serena.

CHRISTOFOROU - On 10th April to Nicola (née Humphries) and Paul, a son, Cain Andreas.

DUCE - On April 9th, 1994 to Lesley Fisher and Richard Duce, a son, David. Thanks to all concerned at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent.

DYSON - On March 25th, in Great Yarmouth, to Julia (née Castillo) and Bryan, a daughter, Daniela Sheila.

GRAHAM - On April 9th, at the Portland Hospital, to Janette Flynn and David Graham, a daughter, Samantha Frances, a sister for Emma Jane.

HAMILTON-FAIRLEY - On 10th April 1994 to Mouse (née Plummer) and Geoffrey, a daughter Isabel Dena, a sister for Gordon.

HAYES - On April 7th, at the Portland Hospital, proud parents Janet (née Zancola) and Michael, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, James Michael.

HAYNES - On 12th April 1994, at St. Mary's, Paddington, to Ulrika (née Hobst-Sande) and Nicholas, a son, Henry Carl-Gustaf Eyre.

HODGSON - On April 10th, 1994, to Carolyn (née Dunster) and Nick, a second daughter, Alice Francesca, a sister for Emily.

HOGHTON - On April 6th 1994 to Susanna (née Gilllbrand) and Bruce a son, Oliver at the Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton.

LEVESQUE - On April 9th, at the Wellington Hospital, to Dawn and Roland, a handsome boy, Alejandro Michael.

MARRIOTT - On April 11th 1994, at the Portland Hospital, to Dinah (née Douglas-Home) and Harry, a son.

MILLEST - On 4th April 1994, to Julia Cook and Dominic, a beautiful bouncy boy, Billy Blue.

BIRTHS

PLANT - On 6th April 1994, to Diana (née Wieralk) and Christopher, at Derby City General Hospital, a son, Samuel Cristopher John, a brother for Louise, James and Lorraine.

SALOMON - On April 9th 1994, at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital to Gigi (née Callander) and William, a lovely daughter.

SCHECKTER - On April 7th, 1994, in Atlanta, USA, to Clare (née Fawkes) and Jody, a son, Freddie Sam, a brother for Hugo.

SPEAKMAN - On April 9th, 1994, to Nicola (née Evans) and John, a son Thomas James.

DEATHS

AGNEW - On 12th April 1994, peacefully at the West Suffolk Hospital, Sir Keith 5th Baronet, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Bus and father of John and George. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Rougham, Bury, St. Edmunds, Thursday April 21st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Rougham Church Fabric Fund, sent c/o L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting Street, Bury, St. Edmunds.

BOLSWORTH-BROWNE - At Sunninghill, Berkshire on the 8th April Doctor Andrew, beloved youngest son of the late Mr Graham Browne and of Mrs Dora Browne of Durban, South Africa. Sadly and deeply missed by his ever-loving fiance Sarah. Funeral at Easthampstead Crematorium on Monday 18th April at 12.30 pm. Flowers to Lines Bannister & Company Ltd, 69 High Street, Ascot, Berkshire 0344 20266

CANNING - On 8th April, John beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at Leatherhead Parish Church, Monday 18th April 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Chest, Heart & Stroke Association c/o Hawkins, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

DEATHS

CUSSELL - On April 11th peacefully in her sleep, at her home in London, Georgina, dearly loved wife of Jim, mother of Sandie Andrew and Susan and devoted grandmother of Thomas, Patrick, Matthew and Conor. Funeral service at All Saint's Church, Fulham, on Friday 15th April at 1.00pm. To be followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery. Cut flowers only to Brain & Gamble Funeral Directors 601 Fulham Rd, London SW6 5UA. Donations if desired to All Saints Church Restoration Fund.

DAVIS - Adele Ruth. The Doyen of Bond Street slipped peacefully away at The St John and St Elizabeth Hospital on Friday 8th April. Much loved sister, aunt, greataunt and dear friend.

GIFFORD - Derek died on Saturday April 9th, 1994, in the Bristol Oncology Centre, after a short illness borne with great courage and dignity. Physicist, fisherman, teacher and a good friend to many, he will be greatly missed. A simple service of interment will be held in the Chapel of Fareham Cemetery, at 11.30am Monday April 18th, to be followed by a service of Thanksgiving in Bristol, at a date to be arranged. No flowers please, but if desired, donations for charitable purposes, should be forwarded to the Funeral Directors, M.C. Coghlan, Westbury Passage, Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 7XU.

GILBERT SCOTT - On 11th April, suddenly at home at Herons Court, Dr. Michael, dearly loved husband of Bobbie, wonderful father of Peter, Simone, Carol and Andrew and Grandfather of Giles and Kitt. A kind gentle man.

GOULD - Cecil Hilton Monk, on 7th April 1994 in Chard Hospital, Somerset. Former Keeper and Deputy Director of the National Gallery. Deeply loved brother of Jocelyne Stacey, uncle to Sarah and Simon, and great uncle to Alex and Ross. Funeral private.

DEATHS

HERTZ - On 9th April, suddenly and peacefully, Josephine Eva, aged 79. Daughter of Joseph Hertz C.H., Chief Rabbi, and Rose Hertz. Memorial meeting on Sunday 17th April, 3.30-6.30 pm at 202 Creighton Avenue, N2. For information tel: 081 365 3226.

KEMPTON - Gwen, widow of Kenny, formerly of Mombasa, Kenya, in her 89th year, on 9th April, 1994, at Walton on Thames. Greatly missed by her daughters, Hazel, Ingrid and Brenda, their families and her brother, Jack Hammon.

LITTLE - Peacefully on 9th April, Leslie Neville, aged 88, late of Burnham Lodge, formerly of Eton Wick. Service at Slough Crematorium on Monday 18th April 12.50pm. Enquiries to E. Sargeant & Son 0753 520081.

McCANN - Gerard Leo (Gerry). On Monday 11th April 1994 at home, after an illness bourne with courage and humour. Husband of Jean and father of Mary-Jane, Judith, Patrick and Katie. Funeral on Monday 18th April at St. Wilfrids Church, Coltsgate Hill, Ripon at 11am followed by burial at Aldborough Cemetry. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be given to the Restoration Fund for St. Wilfrids Church, for which there will be a plate provided.

McQUILLIN - Suddenly on 11th April 1994 V.O. McQuillin (Mac) of Kimbolton, the much loved husband of Joan and a greatly loved stepfather and grandfather. Funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Church Kimbolton on Monday 18th April at 2.30pm followed by interment. No flowers by request but donations to St. Cecilia's Guild for The Blind, c/o Crowsons Funeral Directors, Barnwell near Oundle Peterborough, PE8 5PS. Tel 0832 272269.

DEATHS

O'CONOR - On April 10th peacefully, Lucy Margaret, (née Rossetti), aged 87, dearly loved wife of Roderic and mother of Turlough, grandmother of Rory, Katie, John and Bridget, great grandmother of Joseph and Meriel. Private Cremation. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, RG9 5DF.

PACE - On Saturday 9th April 1994, (nee Russell) Sheila Helen, loved and loving wife of the late Noel Pace, mother of Andrew and Mark, grandmother of James, Dominic, Hugo, Sharon, Jacqui and Alec and much loved sister of Tim (Charles). Funeral Tuesday 19th April at 2.30pm at Our Lady of Fatima, Staplefield. Flowers to P & S Gallagher (Funeral Directors), Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex or donations if desired to the Head and Neck Unit, Royal Marsden Hospital.

PARKER - On April 10th 1994 peacefully at home at Goring-by-Sea after a long illness, Claire Elizabeth in her 36th year. Beloved only daughter of Pat and Allan and sister of Nicholas. Funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Church Goring-by-Sea on Monday April 18th at 12.15pm followed by private interment. By request no flowers please but donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital Melanoma Unit Research Fund c/o H D Tribe Ltd, 259 Goring Road, Goring, Worthing, West Sussex Tel 0903 249913

PEARCE - On April 10th, peacefully in Worthing Hospital, Thomas Neill Pearce, OBE, 'Tom', husband of the late Stella, father of Valerie, Christopher and Rosemarie, and much loved by Isobel. Greatly missed by all his extended family. Service at All Saint's Church, Findon Valley, Worthing on Monday 18th April at 3.00pm followed by private cremation. A memorial service will be held in Chelmsford, Essex, at a later date. Family flowers only; donations if wished to Benevolent Society of Blues, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, Sussex.

DEATHS

ROWLAND-JAMES - Peacefully on Saturday April 9th at the West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen, Gareth Cule, Llwyn-yr-Yn, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen. Dear husband of Elizabeth and a loving father of the late Patricia. Resting at the Private Chapel of Wyn Bishop, Waunddewi, Gorslas until the funeral on Friday April 15th. Public funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Court Henry, Dryslwyn at 2pm. Flowers to be sent to the Chapel of Rest please. Tel: 0269 842258.

RUSSELL - On April 11th 1994, peacefully at Harestone Hospice, William Robert, 'Bob'. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Tandridge, Surrey, on Thursday, April 21st at 11 AM followed by committal at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

SMEDLEY - Marjorie (Madge), formerly Drummond, née Haslam, on April 9th, suddenly. Dearly loved wife of George Smedley H.M. Diplomatic Service Retired. Funeral at Whorlton Parish Church near Barnard Castle on Saturday April 16th at 11.00 am. No flowers. Donations if desired for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association c/o Thomas Lee and Sons Funeral Directors 100 Galgate, Barnard Castle County Durham, tel 0833 695444.

SMITH - On April 10th 1994, peacefully in hospital after a long illness fought with great courage, Keith, aged 56 years. Beloved husband of Jane and devoted father of Gillian and Paul. Cremation, family only. Thanksgiving Service to be held on Tuesday, 19th April, Larkhill Garrison Church at 3.00pm. No mourning or flowers by request, but donations if desired to the Macmillan Unit c/o DK Shergold, 159-161 Fisherton Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 7RP.

DEATHS

STOAKLEY, Theodore George Thomas of Ickenham, Middlesex, aged 93. Peacefully on 9th April. Much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

VAUGHAN - On 11th April, Zara, much loved mother of Victoria and David.

WALKER - On April 7th whilst in Ibiza, R.R. (Bobby), husband of Paola.

WESTON - On April 10th, peacefully, Philip Humphrey aged 77 years of Longpreston. Service, Rathmell Church, Friday, April 15th at 2.30pm

WHETHERLY - At home on 12th of April, 1994, Lt. Col. W.E.S., late of the Kings Dragoon Guards. Adored husband of Rose, dear father of Dennis, Dawn and Robin, beloved grandfather. Private cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium on Tuesday, 19th of April at 3 PM. Family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FITCH - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, will be held at St Ann's Church, H.M. Naval Base, Portsmouth, on Friday June 10th at 3pm. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply to the Chaplaincy Tel: (0705) 837067

MORRIS - A meeting in memory of the late Dr. Stephen Morris will be held on Friday, 6th May 1994 at 5.30pm in the Founders' Room at the London School of Economics. All who wish to attend will be welcome.

ROSS - A Memorial Service for Rear Admiral George Campbell Ross will be held at St. Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road, SW11 on Thursday 21st April at 1pm.

WOODRUFF - A Memorial Mass for the late Hon. Mia Woodruff will be said at the Brompton Oratory on Tuesday 3rd May at 11am presided over by Cardinal Hume.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPINK, King Street, St James's, SW1. Opens today 13 April until 28 April. Alexander Creswell; Windsor Castle, The Aftermath of the Fire (a loan exhibition from the Royal Collection) & The Splendour of Imperial Europe. Mon - Fri. 9am. - 5.30pm. Tues until 7.30pm.

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OBITUARIES

CLIVE LABOVITCH

Clive Labovitch, publisher, died following heart by-pass surgery on April 7 aged 61. He was born on April 11, 1932.



CLIVE LABOVITCH was a born publisher. From his student days, his creativity was a seemingly bottomless spring from which bubbled forth an unending flow of ideas, both brilliant and, at times, hopelessly impracticable. His publishing career, stretching over 40 years, encompassed two partnerships — the first with Michael Heseltine — which each had their seeds in the Oxford of the 1950s.

The youngest of three brothers, whose mid-European immigrant grandparents had settled in Leeds, where the family had developed a considerable textile business known as Darley Mills, he arrived at New College in 1951 from Clifton College and at once set about resculpturing the local publishing landscape. With a fellow undergraduate, Earl White, he acquired *Cherwell*, then a somewhat fusty literary magazine loitering palely in the shadow of *Isis*, and turned it into a tabloid newspaper. The new format was not to everyone's taste but one Oxford Union officer, with presidential aspirations, was not slow to grasp the vote-winning potential of constant exposure in its columns; he was a young man called Michael Heseltine.

He and Labovitch became firm friends and then business partners. (Heseltine had an earlier partner who went on to run a South Coast language school). They first developed properties in London, progressing from a hotel in Bayswater to a stately pair of houses in South Kensington — taking in a private housing estate at Tenterden on the way — and then moved into magazine publishing with Cornmarket Press, founded by Labovitch. In the heady 1950s, with employers chasing the best graduates, their first publication *Opportunities for Graduates* was already hugely successful and the idea behind it was soon developed into other titles like *Which University?*, *Polytechnics Today* or *Opportunities for Qualified Men*. For Labovitch, such publications represented easily the most satisfactory formula for profitable publishing: every page paid for, no space wasted on editorial.

Not that he consistently ignored the value of the written word. Many of his subsequent concepts had to take their chances amid the sharks' sea of magazine publishing. Some succeeded; others were unmitigated disasters. *Town* (originally *Man About Town*) magazine, aimed at Swinging Sixties men, was arguably ahead of its time — a precursor of *GQ* perhaps — and a qualified journalistic success, though it never made a penny piece of profit; *Topic*, somewhere between *Time* and *Picture Post*, a failure in all senses. (Even Sir James Goldsmith 20 years later, and with a much deeper pocket, could not make a go of a weekly British news magazine and his unfortunately titled *Now!* soon found its way into the elephants' graveyard of defunct publishing ventures.)

Labovitch was undaunted by failure, unspoilt by success, and he experienced both in full measure throughout his career. He and Heseltine went on to expand their magazine empire into specialist fields, such as photography, though the flagship of the enterprise, *Management Today*, brilliantly transformed from an ailing magazine belonging to the British Institute of Management, was entirely Heseltine's achievement. But, while dipping their toes into an ever-widening publishing pond, they did not neglect their property interests, creating a company called Bastion Construction which at the height of the 1960s' property boom built *bijou* mews residences in an area of London then still slightly disapprovingly known as "north of the park".

But Labovitch, a restless soul, elected in the mid-1960s to part company with Heseltine and, having divided the spoils (Labovitch retaining Cornmarket and his former partner and now rival setting up Haymarket Press), launched out on his own. It was a bad mistake and Labovitch's blackest period followed, both professionally and personally. His publishing fortunes turned sour and his initially happy marriage to Penny Perrick failed.

Then, in 1976, he struck up the second business partnership of his career with Fred Newman, whom he had persuaded to edit *Cherwell* back in the 1950s. Although the two men had not seen each other for nearly 20 years, they found no difficulty picking up the threads of their relationship. For the second time round, Labovitch was instrumental and inspirational in creating a specialist publishing business.

Publishing News, like *Cherwell* before it, changed the landscape — on this occasion in book trade journalism. Labovitch's eye for a concept — he could have an idea, sketch out a few roughs, and scribble a few figures down within minutes — was remarkably acute. The fleshing out, the after-birth servicing, the careful management and organisation of a project was not, though, for him. He preferred the raw excitement of creativity. After *Publishing News* came catalogues and — son of *Books and Bookmen* — *Books* magazine, a free distribution magazine to bookshop customers.

Labovitch retired from *Publishing News* two years ago. He wanted to do other things: a Jewish Heritage encyclopaedia, a new magazine with his old friend and former *Management Today* editor, Bob Heller.

His second wife, Bonnie Spencer, to whom he was devoted, died last year and he was heartbroken. It was the cruellest blow of a life that had seen more peaks and troughs than most. Gentle though he always was in manner, he showed even at the darkest times a remarkable toughness and resilience. He also always kept his friendships in good repair, being an honoured guest at the President of the Board of Trade's 60th birthday party only last year.

The years, however, had taken their toll. He died following a multiple bypass operation from which he never recovered consciousness. He leaves a son and a daughter from his first marriage, an army of affectionate friends and, in a clutch of publications which he inspired, a reminder of his determined yet diffident genius.

ROBERT CRYER

Robert Cryer, Labour MP for Bradford South, died yesterday in a car crash aged 59. He was born on December 3, 1934.



BOB CRYER was one of the most assiduous politicians in the Commons. He was rarely absent from his seat on the Opposition front bench below the gangway where, with Dennis Skinner, he was a corrosive critic of the Tory Government and, not infrequently, of the Labour leadership. For Cryer was essentially a man of the old, unreconstructed left — an anti-nuclear campaigner, a fiercely suspicious critic of the European Union and, at one point, convener of the Campaign Group. To the end of his life, he was an advocate of major public ownership and, if necessary, a siege economy.

He was a formidable parliamentarian, a master of Commons rules of order and a considerable exploiter of the Ten Minute Rule Bill procedure. He was an instinctive Puritan, spurning the Commons bars, seeking out corruption and giving a proportion of his parliamentary salary to left-wing causes. The Commons refreshment staff loved him. He frequently kept business going after 10.30 at night, which entitled them to taxis home. He fought difficult marginal seats — for nine years he was member for the classic swing constituency of Keighley — with unexpected success and died when at last he had established a near-5,000 majority in Bradford South.

George Robert Cryer was a Yorkshireman through and through — born in Bradford, educated at Shipley primary and secondary schools and Hull University, and keeping a home in Yorkshire throughout his life. Outside politics he was devoted to railway preservation, becoming a director of the Keighley and Worth Valley Light Railway and fighting to keep open the Settle-Carlisle line.

Cryer began his parliamentary efforts by fighting Darwen in 1964 but it was another ten years before he reached Westminster, winning Keighley from the redoubtable Joan Hall in the first of the two 1974 elections. He immediately joined the Tribune Group, opposed the British Lions' tour of South Africa and was surprisingly appointed Under-Secretary of State for Industry under Eric Varley in 1976. He remained in office for only two years before resigning in protest at the cutting-off of public funds to a Merseyside workers' co-operative.

He held on to Keighley by a bare 78 votes during the Thatcher triumph at the 1979 election and spent the next years criticising everything from Callaghan's right-wing politics to Shirley Williams's doubts about the mandatory re-selection of MPs. When Tony Benn stood for the deputy leadership in 1981 he attacked Denis Healey — who won narrowly — in a speech which stood out even in a campaign which was notable for its rancour and animosity.

In 1983, another Thatcher year in which the Conservative Commons majority went up to 144, he inevitably lost Keighley and was forced to accept membership of the European Parliament as a consolation. He served as the MEP for Sheffield from 1984 to 1989, during which time he constantly urged Britain's withdrawal from Europe. In 1987 he returned to Westminster as member for Bradford South — another narrow victory (this time by 309 votes) — and retained the seat easily in 1992.

He was married in 1963 to Ann Place, a former member of Darwen Council, and they had a son and a daughter.

SIR JACK RAMPTON

Sir Jack Rampton, KCB, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy, 1974-80, died on March 30 aged 73. He was born on July 10, 1920.



IT WAS an uncharacteristic episode in the career of Jack Rampton when he suddenly hit the headlines in the autumn of 1979 over the payment of excess government grants to North Sea oil companies. Rampton had to apologise to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee for having misled it over the payments and about the apparently modest level of disciplinary action taken against officials who were felt to have broken the rules.

For a week or so the name of this otherwise publicity-shy man was very much in the public domain. But it was the only time that a Whitehall career, otherwise pursued with quiet but resolute tread, ever surfaced in terms of public notoriety. It was also, perhaps, an uncharacteristic slip for Rampton, who as Under-Secretary to the Treasury in the Labour administrations of the 1960s, had been noted for the knowledgeable support he gave the Chief Secretary, Jack Diamond, and for watching expenditure like a hawk.

Rampton was the first Permanent Under-Secretary at the Department of Energy when it was created, under Lord Carrington in 1974, to cope with the energy crisis that had followed the huge oil price rises instituted by Opec. As such, he let an open but powerful mind range over the whole spectrum of questions which bore upon how energy might cheaply be produced or saved — exploitation of Britain's North Sea oil and gas resources, nuclear power and, on the other side of the coin, conservation at both the industrial and domestic level. In the manner in which he sought to prosecute his aims he was not always in harmony with his Secretary of State, Tony Benn. Among other things Rampton's sympathy with businessmen and business affairs did not always go down well with his ministerial overlord who sometimes resented Rampton's quiet assumption of knowledge of industrial strategy matters.

Jack Leslie Rampton was educated at Tonbridge and Trinity College, Oxford, from where he went to the Treasury in 1941. From 1942 he was assistant private secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, who died in office in 1943, and to Sir John Anderson, who succeeded him. Postwar appointments included those of economic and financial adviser to the Commissioner-General for South-East Asia and to the British High Commissioner to Malaya, 1959-61.

From 1964 to 1968 he was Under-Secretary to the Treasury, at the end of which period he went to the Ministry of Technology. This had been created partly to replace the old Ministry of Power in order to reflect the more modern-sounding thrust of Harold Wilson's administration. From 1969 Rampton's minister was Tony Benn. Nuclear power and the manner of generating it — to become a bone of contention between the two men during their second such minister-civil servant relationship in the 1970s — was given its first airing at this time. But it was a brief period since the Conservatives defeated Labour in 1970.

His next two posts, as Deputy Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry and then Secretary (Industrial Development) between 1970 and 1974, took him into a different sphere. With Britain joining the European Community, regional development was among the Government's priorities. Rampton's natural affinity with the industrial mentality — not common among civil servants at that time — made him an enthusiast for the revitalising of depressed regions through the relocation of businesses to them.

The spring of 1974 brought Labour back to office and found Rampton returned to technical rather than administrative concerns. It was to be his longest term as undersecretary to a ministry, and the combination of resolute civil servant and an ideologically charismatic left-wing Secretary of State made for a relationship whose chemistry was never of the most harmonious.

It was a period in which, from the energy point of view, the stakes were high and the risks of mismanagement of resources potentially very serious. There was a world energy crisis. Britain's North Sea fossil fuel resources were coming on stream, developed by substantial injections of foreign capital. Over the difficult business of payment of grants to North Sea oil equipment the DTI made mistakes which led to the overpayment of £44 million, which, however, Parliament reluctantly concluded must be honoured. Nevertheless, it is to Rampton's credit that Britain's North Sea oil and gas resources were exploited in a manner that rendered the country substantially self-sufficient in energy at that time.

It was not this, however, which led to the friction between Rampton and Benn. In his desire to make sure that Britain's industries did not, and would never, depend on any one source Rampton was particularly keen to explore ways of making cheap nuclear-generated electricity available to them. In discussions about the best way to ensure a nuclear power programme for Britain, Benn's and Rampton's views often diverged. A silent, but often tense, battle developed between the two men about the most suitable type of reactor.

Rampton was convinced that the American pressurised water reactor was the best for Britain's needs. Benn instinctively resisted the idea of buying abroad when Britain had its own advanced gas-cooled design. But when Rampton enlisted the support of Arnold Weinstock, chairman of GEC for his cause, Benn (in his diary entry for January 31, 1977) confessed to "a strong feeling of the power of the industrial/political complex — this great industrialist and a right-wing Labour Prime Minister and the whole of the Civil Service behind them". It was the clearest possible summary of the fundamental difference between Benn and his permanent secretary on the nuclear issue.

Rampton retired from the Civil Service in 1980 but there were still many fields in which he could deploy his still abundant energies. He was a director of, or adviser to, many energy companies, including the North Sea Sun Oil company, the computer company Honeywell UK and the Magnet Group of Western Australia. He was also deputy chairman of Sheerness Steel, 1985-87. His lifelong interest in music found an outlet in his becoming a member of the board of directors of the English National Opera Company, 1982-88.

He is survived by his wife Eileen, whom he married in 1950, and by a son and a daughter.

THE MARQUESS OF AILSA



The Marquess of Ailsa on his wedding day in 1954

The Marquess of Ailsa, OBE, landowner and railway enthusiast, died on April 7 aged 68. He was born on December 3, 1925.

THE seventh Marquess of Ailsa was an enthusiast of steam railways, a farmer and scion of one of the oldest and wealthiest landowning families in Scotland, who, despite his reputation for eccentricity, kept a firm pair of hands on the reins of the family property and businesses.

Physically, he cut an impressive figure with his flourishing set of Edwardian side whiskers and his penchant for deer-stalkers, kilts and hob-nailed boots. He was a plain-spoken man who preferred country life to the distractions of London, although he regularly took his seat in the House of Lords, where he was seen as an expert on, among other matters, the Horn of Africa. It was there in 1959, during a debate on the future of "that magnificent beast," the locomotive steam engine, that he admitted his unfulfilled ambition to become an engine driver.

To that end perhaps Ailsa had taken jobs as a young man with British Railways at Aviemore and later at Rugby, graduating to the post of "special fireman" — the man who shovels coal into the furnace. From his footplate experience he reported to the House several possible flaws in the safety system of the railways — his train had once passed at 50mph over a 15mph section because he and his driver had not had time to "read the book".

He was born Archibald David Kennedy and educated at Pangbourne, afterwards joining the Scots Guards, 1943-47, and serving in the Korean War with the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. He took the courtesy title of Earl of Cassillis after his uncle, the fifth marquess, died in 1956, and succeeded his father in the marquessate a year later.

Along with the title, he inherited 10,000 acres of prime farming land between Maybole and Girvan in Ayrshire, which he spent much of the remainder of his life trying to preserve intact for future generations. He was particularly exercised over the question of death duties, a problem which had been exacerbated by the close deaths, within 20 years, of the four previous marquesses. The family seat of Culzean Castle had already been handed over to the National Trust in 1945 and the family lands whittled down from some 76,000 acres since 1938.

Although a modernised wing at Culzean had been set aside for the use of the marquess's family had they wanted it, Ailsa preferred to move to the nearby seat of Cassillis near Maybole which had been in the family since the 14th century. It was a huge, draughty, turreted affair with 250 acres of farmland attached, which he and his wife ran practically single-handed. Even so, Ailsa felt compelled to leave Scotland altogether in 1967 and move to the Isle of Man as a tax exile.

There the marquess was able to indulge his love of steam railways by becoming patron of the Isle of Man Railway — then a 95-year-old, 44-mile stretch of three-foot gauge track which boasted six working steam engines and 100 coaches. Ailsa entered into the spirit of the railway with great entrepreneurial panache, insisting that his staff wear appropriate Victorian costumes, but returned to Scotland after only a year to retake control of his estate and business enterprises.

He played an active part in local affairs, being honorary colonel of the Ayr and Renfrew Battalion of the Army Cadet Force, 1980-90. He was appointed OBE in 1968.

Apart from his penchant for steam engines, Ailsa had several prized model railways, which he kept in the billiards room and outhouses of Cassillis. His reputation for eccentricity was further enhanced when he rejected the prospect of marriage with some flower of the Scottish aristocracy in favour of the seventh child of a Northumberland coalminer. He had met his wife, Mary, while he was working as an official of the National Trust in Edinburgh and they were married in the Ailsa family church at Kirkoswald in 1954. She survives him, together with their daughter and two sons, the older of whom, the Earl of Cassillis, succeeds to the marquessate.

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I come forward to defend the Licensing Bill in its integrity. We assert the right of the State to resume possession of the monopoly value of all licences at the earliest moment compatible with fair treatment to the ordinary prudent trader or investor. To argument we will listen with attention: but we are not going to be bullied. In this country private interests should be respected, but the public interest must have right of way.

The dispute which has arisen over the Licensing Bill has tended to smooth the education controversy. The brave part played by many leaders of the Church of England for the sake of temperance reform has moved men in every political party. Cannot distressing and distracting differences, harmful alike to religion and to education, be generously adjusted? The principles of the Liberal party are clear. Schools maintained by public funds must be amenable to public control. State paid teachers as Civil servants cannot be subjected to religious tests. But his Majesty's Government is perfectly ready to meet in a cordial spirit any proposal, not discordant with those two principles, which responsible authority may advance on behalf of the Church of England for an amicable and a lasting settlement. Provision must, of course, be made for the case of the Catholics, whose religious faith diverges so widely from that of the great majority of the people of these islands that a special type of school may well be demanded; and for the same reasons similar provisions must be made for the Jews.

Upon these issues, as upon the whole policy and record of the Government, I shall be prepared to make good the Liberal case in the fight which has now begun. To oppose the re-election of a Minister, already once elected as a member of Government, is, to say the least, unusual. To delay and hamper the work of the great Department charged with important and complicated legislation of a purely non-party character betokens a keener zest for faction than for the public interest. Yet antiquated and anomalous as is the technicality which renders a contest possible, mischievous as is the opposition which makes it necessary, I welcome this opportunity of dealing with the taunts and challenges so cheaply uttered during 18 months by politicians smarting from their last defeat . . .

Your obedient servant,
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

ON THIS DAY

April 13 1908

Winston Churchill began his career in 1900 as Conservative MP for Oldham. He was, however, an advocate of Free Trade, the policy of the Liberal Party which he joined in 1906, and for which he became MP for N-W Manchester. On April 15 1908, he became a Cabinet minister and, as such, the law then required him to seek this re-election, which he lost. Later in the year he was returned for Dundee.

Teaching 10-year-olds to be Terminators



When parents ignore film classifications, asks **Sue Cook** (left) of *Crimewatch*, what hope is there of reducing violence?

As a parent, with a boy of eleven and a girl of six, I have long been convinced that there are too many negative images thrown at children in the media. So many computer games are bash 'em and stab 'em: the cartoons they all seem to love often glorify toughness and the use of physical strength rather than strategy: the dramas too often show adults as outdated, out-of-touch figures, defied and ridiculed by children.

However, I am wary of the simplistic argument that children copy directly what they see on television, even though cases like the two six-year-olds and their *Finders Keepers* wrecking spree do crop up fairly regularly. I think television and videos influence children in a far more complex way than that. There's a cumulative effect: a gradual pervasion of a negative attitude to our community life where violence and aggression are an accepted fact of life.

The answer to the primary question "are children influenced by what they see on television?" isn't even disputed any more. Yes, of course they are. That's what advertisements are all about.

It's a responsibility the visual media have shouldered fairly well. The BBC's guidelines for handling violence in children's programmes are admirable. Sometimes I wish the presenters spoke better English and that there could be more of the old-style adventure stories, comedy and fantasy for children to escape to; and the evening watershed at 9 o'clock poses problems at weekends and holiday times when most 11-year-olds are still awake and kicking.

Violent scenes coming shortly after the 9 o'clock news have caught us unawares a few times — most recently the very violent *Grushko* series on BBC1. I try to make sure I'm there to put a judgment and moral opinion on what is transmitted. I would never consider letting my son have a television set in his room where he could watch alone at night.

On the whole though, I feel I can trust the programme makers enough to enjoy a lie-in on a Saturday morning after a long working week while the children sit in front of the television set.





Images of violence: Terminator 2 — and, right, part of the damage done by two six-year-olds last week to a neighbour's house.

But as satellite bring more and more channels to our screens, will we still be able to rely on the sense and intelligence of the programme makers? What controls will there be then?

There are no programme-makers to look after us where children and videos are concerned. I am amazed at some of the material parents allow my son's friends to watch. We went to stay with a friend of mine and her family recently. These are middle-class professional people who adore their children, but to my horror the husband took the 10-year-olds to the video shop and came back with *Terminator 2*. When I pointed out that the classification "15" was there for a reason — and after all, it had been an "18" in the cinema — they could only reply that all their son's friends watched "15s" and if he wasn't allowed to watch it at home, he'd just go somewhere else to watch it. Besides, this would keep the children quiet while they enjoyed a Sunday morning lie-in.

I sat in the TV room as the children watched that film. The dialogue bored them and they chatted and played until the next bit of "action". Any "moral line" was lost on them. Enforcing the use of identity cards for children in video shops to show their age may be helpful, but what hope is there when the parents themselves flagrantly disregard the classification system?

Our family rarely visits the local video shop — we find it difficult enough to find the time to watch the programmes we've recorded from the television — but how do you legislate for the danger of children coming downstairs in the morning and slotting in the adult movie their parents were watching the night before?

I think David Alton's ban, applied with common sense, is the only answer. Adults can surely survive without their violent rented videos. There's still the cinema, after all, where controls on age can be more effectively enforced.

But the broadcasting media have to look to their collective responsibility too. As TV channels abound and competition for ratings gets tougher, is it too much to hope that the broadcasters could get together on a regular basis to gain an overview of what is being transmitted at us from all channels — at least where children's programmes are concerned?

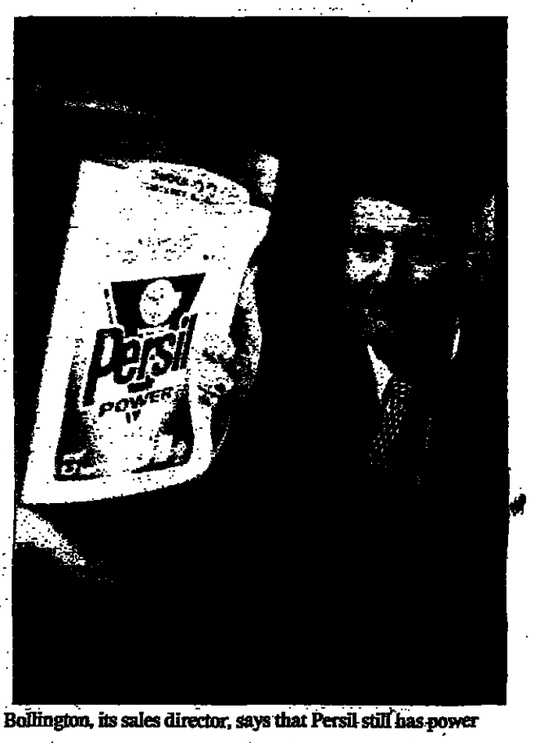
Enough studies and surveys have been done by now to show that children *are* desensitised to brutality by watching it without the context of its consequences. We may never know what drove the two 10-year-olds in the Jamie Bulger case to do what they did, but certainly they seemed to have no conception of the reality of pain and suffering, or that what they were doing was monstrously wrong.

Detergent giants are frothing at the mouth to wash up on top. **Alan Mitchell** reports on new developments









The detergent's image kept up with technology — in 1927 Persil pixies did your wash, in the 1930s Persil was perfect for "woollies and coloured frocks" and in the 1950s for whites. Today John Bollington, its sales director, says that Persil still has power

A clean competition to be whiter than white

Imagine a 10-acre field with two bluebottles in it. What are the chances of them meeting? Not high. Now imagine a cow which produces a gorgeous moist, warm, sweet-smelling cowpat. Hey presto: the chances of getting those two bluebottles together are significantly enhanced.

With this homely metaphor, Dr Eileen Hyde, a boffin from Unilever's laboratories in Port Sunlight, Liverpool, explains how a new ingredient, billed as producing "the next generation of washing powders for the next century", works. With it, a new round of soap wars begins.

The cowpat, Dr Hyde continues, does not actually play a part in the ensuing bluebottle relationship. It merely acts as a catalyst, bringing them together. Now Lever scientists have created a brand new molecule, similar to one used by nature in photosynthesis, that does for stains and bleach what the cowpat did for the bluebottles.

Patented, and trade-marked under the name Accelerator, this new manganese-based molecule — the product of 10 years' research — has become the platform for the relaunch of Britain's third-biggest consumer brand, Persil. It is "the biggest thing that has happened in the market for at least 10 years," says Andrew Seth, managing director of Lever Brothers, which owns Persil in the UK.

The Lever parent Unilever has a lot staked on this relaunch. Everything from new manufacturing processes and product formulation to new packaging and branding has been reworked in an attempt to seize the initiative from the archrivals, Procter & Gamble. An old manufacturing plant, where ingredients were mushed together and then dried under heat in energy-devouring towers has been ripped out, for example, to make way for a new process which uses only 20 per cent of the energy.

Many of the 20-plus ingredients have been replaced, to create a new super concentrated soap powder which provides the same number of washes with 30 per cent less volume. Alongside the Accelerator there are new "actives" (the basic working ingredients of washing powders), a patented new water softener, a new perfume, and a new bleach. The total number of new patents is more than 30, all to remove stains at lower wash temperatures.

A new easy-pour refill container and a combined scoop-and-wash ball meanwhile prove how closely Lever has been listening to consumers, Mr Seth claims. In addition, new sub brands — Power (bio products) and Pure (for non-bio) — have been invented to help baffled consumers choose what they need. To get the message across, he is spending £26 million on advertising and promotion, and that's just in Britain.

Repeated across Europe, combined marketing spending will outstrip the £100 million already spent on new manufacturing plant in Britain (Warrington), Germany and Italy.

Will it be worth it? Almost certainly. First, innovation works. New liquids, concentrates and colour products have frothed up sales by 30 per cent in real terms over the last four years.

Second, Unilever desperately need to get an edge in this market. Its reputation is on the line: with this launch executives have their eye on the share price as much as on sales. With its roots so deep in soap Lever should dominate the market, yet recently it's been fighting a losing battle.

In America, with sales around $1.4 billion, rival P&G's lead brand, Tide, sells more than three times Unilever's Wisk. A $100 million launch of concentrated liquids by Unilever last year flopped. Among the top 100 European brands monitored by market researchers Nielsen, sales of P&G's Ariel, Dash and Daz — at around $2.5 billion, are more than double Unilever's Persil, Omo and Skip.)

Even in its British stronghold, Lever has been having a tough time: last year Ariel sales jumped another 6 per cent, overtaking Persil, whose sales fell back slightly to £234 million. "We haven't led with as many innovations as we would have liked over the last five years," concedes Mr Seth, who is also on Lever's European board.

With a prize the size of the European market — at £6 billion and growing by 20 per cent every three years — any market share growth percolates quickly through to the bottom line. And, once these innovations are rolled out across all brands and adapted to Asian and American conditions the returns could count in hundreds of millions of pounds. "Our rival [P&G] will compete the living daylights out of us," Mr Seth says. "They will use every means known to man to make this seem small, inadequate. No doubt they'll come up with something." Nonetheless he expects this launch to get a lead in the market quite quickly.

Will they? There's no doubt that the new technology is "very clever", says Michael Rosen, non-grocery buying director at Sainsbury's. But "there are lots of different ways to achieve better stain removal at lower temperatures. We can get close to it with Novon [Sainsbury's own label brand]."

And P&G? Surprise, surprise. No sooner were Lever's presentations to the trade complete than P&G were announcing new formulations for its "ultra liquids". Like Persil Power, Ariel Ultra's new "sugar-based surfactant" and enzyme system allows the liquid to remove stains more efficiently at lower temperatures. Like Persil Power, the new product is being launched simultaneously across Europe. And, a P&G spokeswoman boasts, it will be in the shops before its rival.

World in Action tops list

HERE AND NOW, the BBC1 current affairs programme, has become an instant hit, according to the new Times TV Top Twenty.

Screened against *Coronation Street*, and led by veteran reporter Tom Mangold, it won an audience of more than 3.5 million for its fourth programme and was the third most popular current affairs programme of the week, *Brian MacArthur writes*.

Unlike normal TV top twenties, the weekly listing in *The Times*, supplied by BARB, will be devoted to specific types of programmes, such as sport or comedy or drama, and the viewing habits of different social classes. It starts this week with current affairs.

Granada's *World in Action* on fire safety, competing against David Threlfall in BBC1's *Men of the World* comedy series, was easily the most popular current affairs programme of the week, winning an audience of nearly 4 million more than a *Panorama* on breast cancer — slightly higher than *Sherlock Holmes* which followed it.

THE TIMES TV TOP 20

CURRENT AFFAIRS

	Programme	Date	Time	Producer	Audience (millions)
1	World in Action	March 21	20.33	Granada	8.44
2	Panorama	March 21	21.33	BBC News and Current Affairs	4.68
3	Here and Now	March 23	19:30	BBC News and Current Affairs	3.56
4	Question Time	March 24	22:23	Brian Lapping Associates	2.26
5	Cutting Edge Special	March 24	21:03	Twenty Twenty Television	2.23
6	Country File	March 27	12:31	BBC	2.12
7	On The Record	March 27	13:04	BBC News and Current Affairs	1.38
8	Walden	March 27	13:12	LWT	1.20
9	Money Programme	March 27	19:01	BBC News and Current Affairs	1.15
10	Reportage	March 23	18:49	BBC Youth	1.07
11	East	March 22	19:30	First Take	1.06
12	Breakfast With Frost	March 27	08:15	BBC News and Current Affairs	1.04
13	Dispatches	March 23	21:01	InCA	0.99
14	Chancellors Spring Collection	March 27	19:32	BBC News & Cur Affairs	0.91
15	Brief	March 22	20:30	Just Television	0.88
16	Comment	March 22	19:53	Channel Four Television	0.82
17	Assignment	March 22	19.44	BBC News and Current Affairs	0.60
18	Westminster Live	March 23	15:05	BBC	0.76
19	Scrutiny	March 26	17:33	BBC News and Current Affairs	0.71
20	Public Eye	March 25	19.46	BBC News and Current Affairs	0.60

Source: BARB (Broadcasters' Audience Research Board) Dalet Graham & Associates (0272-303829). Repeats, second transmissions not aggregated. Highest actions per week. ©: No unauthorised reproduction

The Times Top 20 shows that many current affairs programmes earn respectable audiences, equal to the readership of the broadsheet daily papers — particularly given their time slots. At 10.30pm *Question Time*, starring John Patten and Jack Straw, won 2.26 million viewers, while on Sunday, March 27 a million breakfasted with Frost and Michael Portillo; over lunch the same day more than 2.5 million watched *Walden* (with John Gummer) and *On the Record* with Kenneth Clarke.

Is that a smile on the editor's face?

Brian MacArthur on newspapers' dramatic success in the past year

AFTER nearly nine months of reduced prices for *The Sun* and *The Times* and two highly successful stunts, seven and a half million more national newspapers were sold last month than in March 1993. As the table (right) shows, sales of nine of the 20 national papers last month were up on a year ago.

Cutting prices has produced spectacular results, with *The Times* and *The Sun* showing year-on-year sales increases — at 28 per cent and 14 per cent respectively — that have not been seen in Fleet Street for decades. *The Sun* sold 12 million more copies, and *The Times* 2.5 million more, last month than a year ago. *Today*, the third News International daily, held its price at 25p when the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Express* went up to 32p, and sold an extra million copies.



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Sales increase on March 1993, % increase, and extra copies sold since March 1993

The Times	108,128	28.05	2,475,072
The Sun	515,464	14.71	12,371,136
Today	45,489	8.56	1,091,736
Sunday Telegraph	33,418	5.83	133,664
Daily Mail	66,747	3.73	1,601,928
News of the World	104,768	2.25	419,072
Mail on Sunday	33,149	1.68	132,596
The People	11,381	0.58	45,524
Financial Times	1,481	0.49	35,544

Source: ABC, March 1994

Critics will argue that the News International strategy is costing millions. That is true, but the success of the strategy is showing the media pundits who say that print is dead and television is king that there is life in newspapers yet — and that the millions of readers who had deserted newspapers can be persuaded to read them again.

Yet fantasies sell newspapers too, particularly to mortgaged wage slaves who dream of £50,000 a year, tax-free, for life. The most successful paper last month was the *Daily Mail*, now selling at 2p more than *The Times*. In what was announced as the biggest game in newspaper history — and nobody has quarrelled with an estimated cost of £3 million to set it up — the promise of £50,000 a year for life lifted sales of the *Daily Mail* by 108,000 a day and *The Mail on Sunday* by 121,000.

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Last month also saw the start of the first games in which the two main mass-market tabloids staged interactive games with television shows, *The Sun* with Bruce Forsyth's *Play Your Cards Right* and the *Daily Mirror* with Matthew Kelly's *You Bet*, both staged on Saturday nights. It was *The Sun* that played its cards right, with sales up by 71,000 last month, against a drop for the *Daily Mirror*, now hovering only 443 copies above 2.5 million, of 2,000.

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The Home Secretary averted an almost certain Commons defeat by conceding the main demands being made by a powerful cross-party alliance that has been urging him to bring in tighter laws to stop pornographic and violent films being seen by young children ..... Page 1, 16

Serbs threaten to down Nato jets

■ The Bosnian Serb army commander yesterday threatened to shoot down Nato jets as Russia reacted with fury to air strikes on Bosnian Serbs at Gorazde. President Clinton tried to assuage Russian wrath as President Yeltsin said the attacks could lead to "war for ever" ..... Page 1, 13, 18, 19

Branson coup

Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways has done a deal with Delta Air which means the American airline will buy between 50 and 100 seats on every Virgin flight out of Heathrow ..... Page 1

Labour MP killed

Bob Cryer, MP for Bradford South and one of Labour's most effective and dogged parliamentarians, was killed in a car crash. His wife was hurt when their car overturned on the M1 ..... Page 1

Risqué shopping

A woman who claims she was sexually harassed by her boss went shopping with him for lingerie and a risqué card, an industrial tribunal heard ..... Page 3

Bank sues families

Three families from Essex who lived the life of Riley on up to £600,000 allegedly stolen from the Bank of England's destruction depot face legal action for the money's recovery ..... Page 3

Widow's anguish

A widow who took out a private prosecution against a drunk driver who killed her husband was distraught after seeing him jailed for three years ..... Page 5

Prison alarm

Prison authorities nearly lost control of parts of a top-security jail holding the mass killer Dennis Nilsen and IRA terrorists, according to a critical report ..... Page 8

Tunbridge turnabout

Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells, synonymous with an outraged middle-class, is contemplating the unthinkable. The once-solidly Tory town could become Liberal Democrat in May ..... Page 10

Carrington mission

Lord Carrington and Henry Kissinger arrived to mediate in South Africa's constitutional deadlock. Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, said he was committed to finding a solution ..... Page 14

Rwanda leaders flee

Members of Rwanda's interim government appointed last week fled Kigali as rebels renewed their offensive to seize the capital ..... Page 14

Macedonia deadline

America was trying to find a compromise between Greece and the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, on the eve of today's EU deadline for Athens to lift its embargo against Skopje ..... Page 12

Clinton disclosure

New disclosures about Hillary Clinton's speculation profits have raised questions about her honesty. The details appear to contradict earlier statements ..... Page 15

Neo-Nazis on trial

In one of Germany's most sensitive trials in recent years four neo-Nazis go to court today charged with murdering five members of a Turkish family ..... Page 15

Zhirinovsky revels in the limelight

■ Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the far-right Russian nationalist leader, demonstrated his mercurial personality in a chance encounter with Michael Binyon, *The Times* diplomatic editor, in Strasbourg. Half ranting, half joking, Mr Zhirinovsky was revelling in his notoriety as he confronted young Jews, insisting that he was no anti-Semite ..... Page 13

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Workmen watching the demolition yesterday of the Belfast drinking den where Margaret Wright was beaten and killed. Page 2

Laura Ashley: The fashion and furnishings group stunned the City yesterday by announcing the departure of Dr Jim Maxmin, chief executive, who was brought in to rescue the group in 1991 .... Page 25

Building societies: The collective bad debt of Britain's building societies totalled £1.5 billion in 1993, less than that of one single clearing bank. Barclays, which recorded bad debts of £1.9 billion .... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 9.7 points to close at 3159.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 79.7 to 80.1 after a rise from $1.4736 to $1.4755 ..... 8Page 28

Cricket: Alec Stewart became the first England batsman to score a century in both innings in a Test against West Indies. At tea in Barbados, England were 344 for 5, with Stewart out for 143 ... Page 48

Football: The threat of an end-of season fixture pile-up receded when the Manchester derby was moved to April 23, allowing United to play their postponed Leeds match five days later ..... Page 44

Rugby Union: At 6ft and 13½ stone, Gill Burns will be the driving force in England's pack during the women's World Cup in Edinburgh in the next fortnight Page 46

Lethal weapons: "Small children need protecting, if not through Mr Alton's bill, then through other measures." Libby Purves on the video dilemma ..... Page 16

Medical hell: "There is no better place to observe the decay of American law and order and the health care system than the emergency ward of a New York hospital." Ben Macintyre reports ..... Page 17

Wash time: Unilever's laboratories have come up with a new ingredient for "the next generation of washing powders" ..... Page 22

Belated comeback: Twenty-five years after they split up, the Seekers are back. The influential Sixties pop band is on a world tour that brings them to London's Royal Albert Hall this week ..... Page 39

Back in Britain: The Maly Drama Theatre of St Petersburg makes a return visit, bringing eight plays that will run in rep for seven weeks in five cities ..... Page 40

Nothing new: Theatre awards have been around as long as the theatre itself. With the Oliviers set for Sunday, Benedict Nightingale looks at the murky waters of awards ceremonies ..... Page 41



Angelique Todd, 25, who had a finger and thumb bitten off by a chimpanzee at Port Lympne zoo, said that she would continue to work with apes Page 7



Former King Constantine of Greece, who faces the loss of his assets and nationality in a vote of the parliament in Athens today Page 12



Greta Garbo, whose family signed an agreement approving "Garbo — The Fragrance", a scent to be named after the enigmatic beauty Page 15

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Revolting Cornishmen

■ A.L. Rowse asks why in 1547 thousands of peasants in the West Country rose in protest against Archbishop Cranmer's Protestant Prayer Book and besieged the burghers of Exeter

No laughing matter

■ Peter Weir notches up a success with his latest film, *Fearless*, in which Jeff Bridges struggles with his own personal demons in the aftermath of a plane crash

High seas adventure

■ Would you like a first-class holiday break? Barry Pickthall on grand charter yachts

The dilemmas of white liberals in South Africa are explored in Douglas Livingstone's drama, which stars Kevin McNally and Warren Clarke. *Return to Blood River* (BBC2, 9pm) ..... Page 47

Prince of perhaps

So long as aversion to risk is the hallmark of American foreign policy, the world is a dangerous place ..... Page 19

Mother works best

Improving life for Britain's children — society's most valuable commodity — needs changes in attitude in both the public and the private sector ..... Page 19

Muse of fire

No voice this century was better suited than Sir John Gielgud's for lean and hungry intellectuals, those troubled by doubt in the century of Freud ..... Page 19

SIMON JENKINS

If America means to end Nato's neutrality, what is the point of bombing without the ground troops to follow it up? Where is the beef? What fools are expecting General Rose to take sides against the Serbs with so little force to deploy? ..... Page 18

ALAN COREN

Sport has changed, and competition has changed, and it is too late to change either of them back. We live in an age which has introduced the head-butt to international squash and the crowbar to Olympic ice skating ..... Page 18

Clive Labovitch, publisher; **Robert Cryer**, Labour MP; **Sir Jack Rampton**, former Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Energy ..... Page 21

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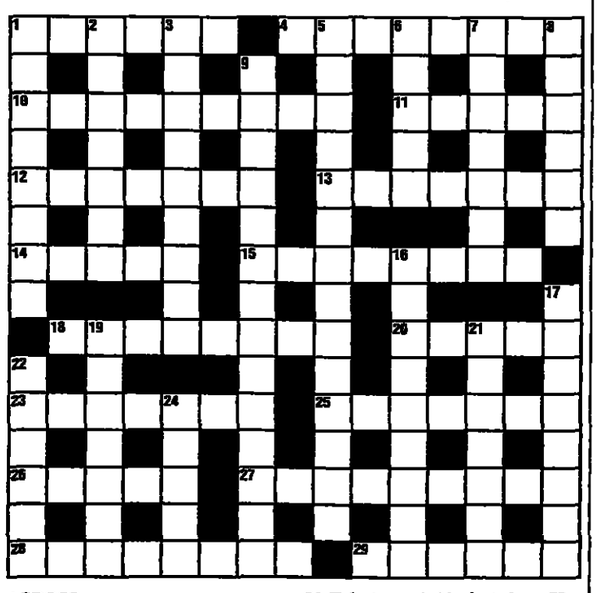
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1 Heavenly type, but quiet about cut-back (6).
4 Concerned with philosophy, poor learners initially take a refresher (8).
10 Fashion model sounds like a dwarf (9).
11 Simple countryman avoiding the West End (5).
12 Device to secure boat's propeller (7).
13 Pies, too, constituted a source of energy (7).
14 Note written by King Henry in verse (5).
15 The workers may be victims of his scoffing (8).
18 Material for a journal to decline (8).
20 It goes around offering a lift (5).
23 As a lawmaker he's not exactly a Nestor (7).
25 Put on the market, being freed of regulation (7).
26 Talent revealed by just about fifty (5).
27 Gull seen in pool, say, by track (9).
28 Liberal president — sagacious, too! (8).
29 Young bird making sound like a seal (6).

DOWN

1 It keeps off the Mexican sun, it may be felt (8).
2 A means to support, say, an extra bolt? (3,4).
3 In Pennsylvania he takes only females — remarkable people (9).
5 Rather old, like the Walrus? (4,2,3,5).
6 Chinese dynasty associated with a round dance (5).
7 Offensive order to stop the racket (7).
8 Able politician with means of exerting moral pressure (6).
9 Game for swimmers of both sexes (5,3,6).
16 Lively fellow — lively but unrealistic (4-5).
17 Receiver nearly retained by fellow from the bank (8).
19 Thoroughly search a couple of Poles in bar (7).
21 Unorthodox trainer can see the military potential here (7).
22 American fuel — unusually effective (6).
24 Cast responsible for most of the argument (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,514

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Monday: Highest day temp: Worcester, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Weybourne, Norfolk, 8C (41F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Hebrides, 0.13in, highest sunshine: Weymouth, Dorset, 12.6hr.

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☐ **General:** it should become bright or sunny in most parts of England and Wales. There could be a few showers breaking out, mainly near east and southeast coasts, and it may be cloudy with some rain over East Anglia and southeast England for a while. Scotland will become bright or sunny in central and southern parts. Northern Scotland will be more cloudy with scattered showers, but this evening patchy rain or drizzle may spread from the northwest. Northern Ireland will become bright or sunny with perhaps the odd light shower. A breezy day, rather cold near eastern coasts with the wind off the sea.

☐ **London:** cloudy with patchy rain or showers, becoming brighter. Wind north, fresh to strong. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia:** cloudy with patchy rain or showers, becoming brighter. Wind north, fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F) but nearer 7C (45F) on windward coasts.

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** becoming bright or sunny. Perhaps a light shower. Wind north, moderate to fresh. Max 10C to 12C (50F to 54F).

☐ **E England, NE England, Borders:** becoming bright or sunny, but rather cloudy at times. A few showers, mainly near the coast. Wind north, fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F), but nearer 7C (45F) on the coasts.

☐ **Channel Isles:** bright or sunny spells and scattered showers. Wind north, fresh. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy, but some brighter spells. Scattered showers, but rain or drizzle this evening. Wind northwest, fresh. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** mostly bright or sunny. Showers in eastern England.

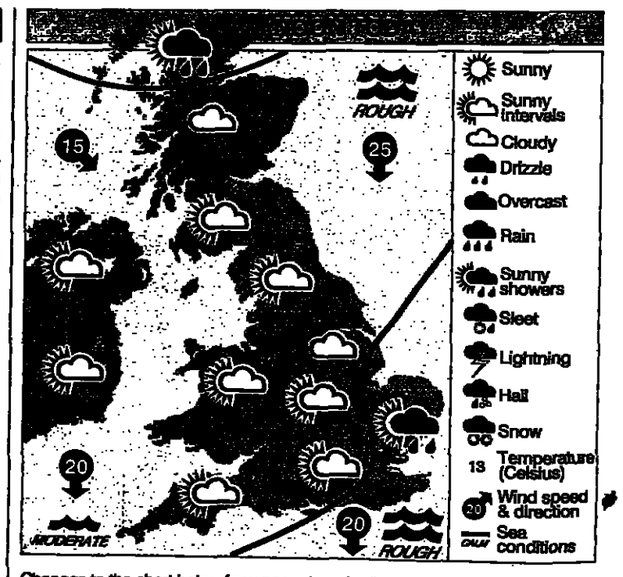
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.2	-	1	54	c	London	8.4	0.04	13	55	s
Anglesey	6.3	-	0	52	b	Lowestoft	3.5	-	9	48	b
Aspatria	3.7	-	0	50	c	Manchester	9.0	-	13	55	s
Aviemore	2.5	-	12	54	b	Margate	4.0	0.02	10	50	s
Belfast	1.2	0.05	11	52	r	Minehead	10.3	-	14	57	s
Birmingham	11.6	-	14	57	s	Morecambe	6.8	-	11	52	s
Bognor R	11.7	0.03	14	57	s	Newcastle	7.2	-	14	57	b
Bournem'th	12.1	-	15	59	s	Newquay	X				
Bristol	11.1	-	14	57	s	Norwich	0.1	-	7	45	c
Buxton	10.7	-	12	54	s	Nottingham	11.0	-	14	57	s
Cardiff	10.3	-	12	54	s	Penzance	12.0	-	16	59	s
Clacton	8.9	0.01	11	52	s	Plymouth	11.2	-	13	55	s
Cleethorpes	8.5	-	10	50	s	Poole	12.0	-	14	57	s
Colwyn Bay	X					Ross-o-wye	10.1	-	15	59	s
Dromor	X	-	8	46	du	Ryde	11.7	-	13	55	s
Eastbourne	11.3	0.10	14	57	s	Salcombe	9.4	-	13	55	s
Edinburgh	-	-	12	54	b	Sandown	11.7	-	13	55	s
Eskdalemuir	1.0	-	7	45	c	Saunin Snd	10.5	-	11	52	s
Exmouth	10.9	-	13	55	s	Scarboro'	12.4	-	11	52	s
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	s	Scilly Isles	10.6	-	12	54	s
Folkestone	10.4	0.08	11	52	s	Shanklin	X	-	13	55	c
Glasgow	1.5	-	11	52	r	Skegness	X				
Guernsey	11.5	-	11	52	s	Southend	X				
Hastings	10.8	0.01	13	55	s	Southport	8.9	-	11	52	s
Hayling I.	11.7	0.01	14	57	s	Southsea	11.8	-	14	57	s
Herne Bay	5.5	0.05	10	50	s	Stornoway	0.2	0.02	9	48	r
Hove	9.8	0.01	15	59	b	Swanage	11.7	-	14	57	s
Hunstanton	6.1	-	8	46	s	Teignmouth	11.5	-	12	54	s
Isle of Man	2.8	-	9	48	b	Tenby	8.9	-	11	52	s
Jersey	11.5	-	11	52	s	Tiree	-	0.13	9	48	r
Kinloss	0.8	-	13	55	c	Torquay	11.8	-	14	57	s
Leeds	9.5	-	16	61	s	Tynemouth	7.3	-	12	54	b
Lerwick	-	0.02	7	45	r	Ventnor	12.0	-	14	57	s
Lauchars	1.1	-	13	55	r	West-s-mare	X	-	13	55	s
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Liverpool	10.9	-	13	55	s						

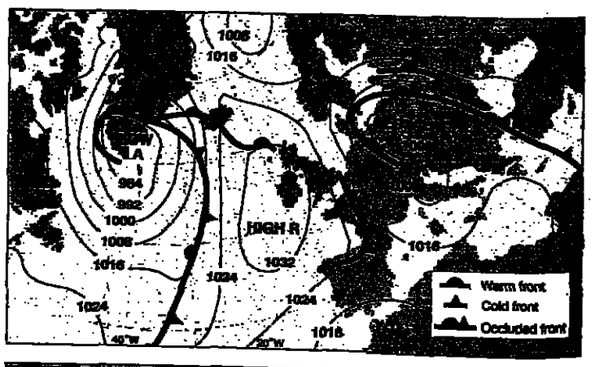
These are Monday's figures

Ajaccio	14	57	f	C'phagn	13	55	s	Madrid	14	57	s	Riyadh	27	81	f
Alicatri	24	75	s	Corfu	17	63	f	Majorca	17	63	s	Rome	12	54	f
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Dublin	8	46	f	Malaga	18	64	s	Salzburg	3	37	r
Algiers	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	10	50	r	Malta	14	57	f	S Fnsco	16	61	s
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Faro	20	68	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c	S Paulo	28	82	f
Athens	23	73	s	Florence	12	54	f	Mexico C	24	75	s	Seoul	12	54	c
Bahrain	27	81	s	Frankfurt	12	54	f	Miami	28	82	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bangkok	37	99	c	Funchal	16	61	c	Milan	17	63	s	Stckholm	13	55	s
Barbados	27	81	s	Geneva	6	43	c	Montreal	7	45	s	Strasb'rg	8	46	r
Barcelona	16	61	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Moscow	10	50	s	Sydney	17	63	s
Beirut	22	72	s	Helsinki	12	54	s	Munich	3	37	r	Tangier	20	68	s
Belgrade	9	48	r	Hong K	29	82	f	Nairobi	25	77	f	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Berlin	14	57	f	Innsbruck	7	45	f	Naples	18	55	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Bermuda	23	73	f	Istanbul	25	77	s	N Delhi	34	93	s	Tokyo	19	66	f
Biarritz	12	54	s	Jeddah	28	79	s	N York	17	63	s	Toronto	9	48	f
Borde'x	14	57	f	Jo'burg	22	72	f	Nice	15	59	s	Tunis	15	59	c
Brussels	13	55	s	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	11	52	s	Valencia	20	68	s
Budapst	11	52	r	L Palmas	19	66	f	Paris	12	54	s	Vanc'ver	14	57	f
B Aires	19	66	f	Le Touat	11	52	s	Peking	17	63	s	Venice	11	52	f
Cairo	28	84	s	Lisbon	18	64	s	Perth	32	90	s	Vienna	8	43	c
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Locarno	17	63	s	Prague	6	43	r	Warsaw	14	57	f
Chicago	9	48	f	L Angels	28	79	s	Reykjavik	3	37	f	Wash'ton	17	63	f
Ch'church	21	70	f	Luxembg	9	48	c	Rhodes	20	79	s	Wel'ngton	21	70	f
Cologne	10	50	c	Luxor	34	93	s	Rio de J	35	95	f	Zurich	4	39	c

X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low A will move east and fill; high R will be slow moving; low L will move north and fill



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.55	6.7	3.11	6.8	Liverpool	12.13	9.0	12.33	9.0
Aberdeen	2.30	4.0	2.48	4.0	Lowestoft	10.39	2.4	10.58	2.3
Avonmouth	8.25	12.8	8.38	12.9	Margate	1.00	4.8	1.16	4.6
Belfast	12.01	3.4	12.17	3.3	Milford Haven	7.23	8.6	7.35	8.6
Cardiff	8.09	11.84	8.19	11.91	Newquay	6.15	6.7	6.28	6.7
Devonport	6.55	5.2	7.10	5.2	Oban	6.52	3.8	6.57	3.8
Dover	12.10	6.4	12.26	6.4	Penzance	5.24	5.3	6.10	5.3
Falmouth	8.22	5.0	8.40	5.0	Portland	2.05	4.5	2.25	4.4
Glasgow	2.05	4.5	2.25	4.4	Portsmouth	12.53	3.8	1.11	3.8
Harwich	12.53	3.8	1.11	3.8	Shoreham	12.17	4.6	12.38	4.5
Holyhead	11.32	5.3	11.45	5.3	Southampton	12.13	6.0	12.32	6.9
Hull	7.28	7.19	7.49	7.25	Swansea	11.59	4.4	—	—
Ilfracombe	7.08	8.86	7.19	8.83	Tees	7.37	9.2	7.49	9.2
King's Lynn	7.35	6.4	7.47	6.4	Wilton-on-Nze	4.46	5.0	5.01	5.0
Leith	3.38	5.2	4.00	5.2		12.44	4.0	1.02	4.0

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Sun rises: 6.10 am
Sun sets: 7.54 pm
Moon sets: 10.48 pm
Moon rises: 7.01 am

London 7.54 pm to 8.08 am
Bristol 8.03 pm to 8.18 am
Edinburgh 8.15 pm to 8.11 am
Manchester 8.06 pm to 8.12 am
Penzance 8.13 pm to 8.32 am

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Air pair: Ronald Allen, left, chairman of Delta, and Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic chairman, celebrating their airlines' alliance yesterday

Virgin seeks airport slots after alliance with Delta

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

VIRGIN Atlantic Airways last night set course for a fresh battle for more flight slots at Heathrow airport after striking a wide-ranging alliance with Delta Air Lines, America's third-largest carrier.

Richard Branson, Virgin's owner, has sold between a quarter and a third of its transatlantic capacity to Delta under a block booking arrangement giving the US carrier long-sought access to Heathrow.

Between 50 and 100 seats on every Virgin transatlantic flight will be bought by Delta under a piggy back arrangement that will enable Delta to offer travel packages to Heathrow to passengers using its domestic network of 200 US destinations.

The agreement gives Virgin an option to withdraw after a year if unhappy, Mr Branson said, although there was no intention to do so. Virgin plans to build a new lounge for its passengers at Delta's main hub airport, JFK at New York, alongside the Delta terminal for use by passengers with onward Delta connections.

Mr Branson said that, under the agreement, business passengers with either airline will qualify for frequent flyer benefits when travelling with the other. In the past, they say, their ability to offer such benefits on only part of journeys into the US has led passengers to use other airlines.

Mr Branson said that there were no immediate plans for Virgin and Delta to take cross-shareholdings. However, he said: "In the future, we could do a share swop."

Under the arrangement, to operate from November, Virgin will need extra aircraft and take-off and landing slots to furnish the capacity.

Mr Branson said that he aims to lift Virgin's daily departures from Heathrow to New York from three to four, or possibly five. Virgin may also seek to operate a second daily service from Heathrow to Los Angeles.

The agreement will further accelerate expansion of Virgin, which last year had turnover of £600 million. Although it operates just 12 aircraft, Virgin has four Boeing 747-400s on order, with the first delivery due next month, and has yet to take delivery of two long-haul Airbus A340s to join three in service. Mr Branson said that Virgin may bring forward a decision on whether to buy Boeing's new big twin-jet, the Boeing 777. "We would need to get more aircraft," he said.

The deal with Delta is expected to speed up the return to profitability of Virgin, which recorded a loss last year. Mr Branson said that Delta's block purchase of seats would "strengthen the company enormously".

Delta has previously been the most vigorous critic of BA's code-sharing deal with USAir, denouncing it as anti-competive unless restrictions that ban more than two US carriers from flying into Heathrow, London's main airport, were lifted.

Ronald Allen, Delta chairman, last night said that Delta remained committed to the "open skies" principle, but had to operate in the "real world". Through its Virgin link, Delta will now be able to offer through services to Heathrow, which Mr Allen believes will help to rebuild the profitability of his domestic network.

Both airlines say they expect early approval of the deal by the US and UK governments.

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Redrow set for £325m flotation

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

REDROW Group, the UK's largest privately owned housebuilder, will be capitalised at about £325 million when it joins the stock market next month through a placing and offer for sale.

Steve Morgan, Redrow's chairman and chief executive who started the business in 1974 with a £5,000 loan, is set to reap more than £100 million in cash and still retain a majority stake. He will see his shareholding reduced from 98 per cent to just over 50 per cent and will be worth an estimated £238 million.

Redrow's proposed capitalisation of about £325 million, including new money, is some £25 million below expectations reflecting nervous conditions in the market.

Redrow forecasts 2,000 completions in the current year and predicts a 52 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to at least £21 million for the year to June 30. The full prospectus is expected to be published on April 28, with dealings on May 17. Cazenove is broker to the issue.

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Laura Ashley loses chief in board upset

BY SARAH BAGNALL

■ Laura Ashley spent nine months finding Jim Maxmin. His departure leaves the retailing, fashion and furnishings group without a chief executive, once again

LAURA Ashley, the fashion and furnishings group, surprised the City yesterday with the sudden departure of Dr Jim Maxmin, chief executive, appointed to help rescue the group in late 1991.

The company, due to report its final results tommorrow, said Dr Maxmin, an American aged 50, is leaving the company in May as a result of "a disagreement over the investment levels necessary for the business". The City generally welcomed the news and the shares recovered to end the day 4p down at 81p.

The company refused to comment further on Dr Maxmin's abrupt departure but he was said to have had grand designs for the company, wanting to expand its operations aggressively overseas. One stockbroker said: "He thought nothing was too big for Laura Ashley." His grandiose view of Laura Ashley's future was said to differ from other board members, and the non-executive directors were concerned that the necessary levels of investment would overstretch financial resources.

The group has had a chequered financial history and last September issued a warning that because of continuing difficulties in America, full-year profits would fall £7 million short of market forecasts. Yesterday the company stressed that its profits, which Dr Maxmin will announce tommorrow, "are expected to be in line with market expectations". NatWest Securities is forecasting pre-tax profits of £3 million, up from £1.8 million.



Maxmin: abrupt departure

Dr Maxmin, who joined after eight years at Thorn EMI, is on a two-year rolling contract. He was paid £309,725 for the year to January 30 1993 and any compensation for loss of office has still to be decided, said a spokesman. The latest annual accounts also show that he has options over 1.56 million shares.

His departure leaves Laura Ashley without a chief executive, a situation which "will be kept under review," the company's spokesman said.

Non-executive chairman Hugh Blakeway Webb is to become executive chairman and Graham Searle, until recently managing director at Dunhill Holdings, is joining as non-executive deputy chairman. Stephen Cotter, head of the group's UK and US retail businesses, and Stephen Grant, head of the group's product development and design, are both being promoted to main board directors.

Dr Maxmin's arrival at Laura Ashley, after a nine month search for a new chief executive, followed a rescue refinancing and restructuring. Losses had mounted from £1.58 million to £6.67 million in the year to January 26, 1991 and the group had been forced to close seven factories and its Units retail chain, sell a string of businesses, and cut overheads.

Dr Maxmin was brought on to the board to help turn round the group and to bolster its brand name. He was described by one analyst as "a marketing man with a silver tongue". He had a ready line in marketing jargon, which he used liberally and which found little favour in the City.

Mr Blakeway Webb thanked Dr Maxmin for his "valuable contribution" to the group's recovery and added: "The way forward is now clearer, and I am confident in the prospects for the medium term." Analysts agreed, claiming that Dr Maxmin's departure signalled that the group was focusing on restoring the American operations. However, they expressed disappointment that the group had not lined up a replacement for Dr Maxmin.

Home loan debts that don't add up to a bank

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE collective bad debt of Britain's building societies totalled £1.5 billion in 1993, less than that of one single clearing bank, Barclays, which recorded £1.9 billion. Total building society assets exceeded £285 billion, while Barclays' assets were £166 billion.

Reviewing building society results for 1993, UBS, the stockbroker, says that "while building societies' bad debts remain much higher than historical norms, they still remain very low compared with those of the clearing banks".

Bad debt provisions at the typical building society fell 18 per cent last year and now account for 0.5 per cent of assets. Cost control also tightened, rising 5.3 per cent, compared with an increase of 7 per cent in 1992, although the average ratio of costs to income rose slightly from 44.7 to 45.1 per cent, because of lower income growth.

But in spite of lower bad debts and better cost control, absolute levels of profit have still not risen to previous heights, says UBS. According to its report, which represents about 81 per cent of building societies by assets, pre-tax profits grew by 53 per cent in 1993, raising societies' return on assets from 0.76 to 0.93 per cent. John Wriglesworth, housing specialist at UBS and one of the authors of the report, said: "The absolute levels of profits compared with the size of their balance sheets remains lower than the average attained over the last decade. While the worst of the recession is over for building societies, the recovery is by no means complete."

The Leeds & Holbeck had the worst return on assets, at 0.32 per cent. The Skipton was second worst at 0.36 per cent, and Bristol & West saw a return of 0.52 per cent. At the other end, the Derbyshire saw a return of 1.41 per cent, followed by the Halifax and the Yorkshire, tied on 1.33 per cent. The Alliance & Leicester had the highest cost-income ratio of 63.9 per cent, while the Cheltenham & Gloucester had the best ratio of 26.4 per cent.

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Battles loom in the run-up to world trade treaty

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH IN MARRAKESH

POWERFUL trading nations made clear on the opening day of a four-day ministerial conference in Marrakesh to sign the world trade agreement that they are ready for tough talking on areas still in dispute.

Crown Prince Sidi Mohammed of Morocco, in an opening speech, said that participating nations — which exceed 120 — should be "proud of this stride toward a more open world" through lifting trade barriers. This would be a source of prosperity for people worldwide, he said.

Peter Sutherland, the director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) said that the gathering was an opportunity to replace the law of the trade jungle with a forceful international trade watchdog, the planned World Trade Organisation (WTO) to succeed Gatt.

Holding the conference in a developing country is intended to underline the important role that the developing world has played in a successful outcome to the seven-year Uruguay Round negotiations on freer world trade and extending Gatt rules to new areas. The Final Act treaty will be signed on Friday after formal speeches by ministers.

Gatt economists estimate that the treaty will, within a decade, give the world economy a $235 billion-a-year boost. Mr Sutherland said that the aim is to have the WTO set up next January. The treaty needs, however, to be ratified, most importantly by the US Congress. It will bring sweeping cuts in tariff on industrial goods and extend cuts and Gatt free-trade disciplines to areas such as agricultural produce and services.

Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, seemed to be in uncompromising mood upon arrival in Marrakesh yesterday, but urged ministers to seize the chance to bring in an era of economic harmony.

Mr Kantor met Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade commissioner, to press for progress towards a transatlantic deal on opening the huge public procurement business to international competition. A deal eluded US and European negotiators in Brussels last weekend.

In spite of political turmoil in Japan after the prime minister's resignation last Friday, Mr Kantor said that Tokyo would be presented with a series of deadlines for opening its market to American goods and services. "We expect the Japanese to live up to their obligations," he said.

Japan, which has attacked US unilateral demands as being out of step with Gatt principles, is sending Tsutomu Hata, its foreign minister, to Marrakesh to meet Mr Kantor on Friday. At the end of this month, Japan risks being listed as an unfair trader by the US, which has taken steps to impose tough sanctions under its Super-301 law.

Mr Kantor is expected to clash with key developing nations over workers' rights and environmental standards.

Under the 22,000 page treaty, tariff walls around industrial economies will be lowered to an average of 3.9 per cent, from 6.3 per cent.

Ministers are to adopt a Marrakesh Declaration to mark the occasion, and endorse establishment of a preparatory committee for the WTO.

CBI wants work practices to be 'family-friendly'

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ Changes in the workforce are increasing pressure on the Government and employers to devise working practices that are more compatible with family life

BUSINESS needs to devise working practices that are more compatible with family commitments, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

Howard Davies, CBI director-general, urged British business to change the organisation of work to take account of "family-friendly" employment policies — ways of structuring work, which are well-used in many American companies, that allow employees to balance better their work and family commitments.

Mr Davies was giving the CBI's support to the launch, sponsored by the Midland Bank, of the Family Friendly Employment Agenda, produced by the United Nations' International Year of the Family pressure movement.

The CBI leader, who last night told the Commons' employment committee that British industry was adjusting its practices to take account of changes in the workforce, said: "Business will not maximise its potential unless the skills and energies of all its people are given an opportunity to be developed and expressed. That means devising employment policies and working practices more compatible with family life."

Neither the Government nor employers were responding quickly enough, he said.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, also called on the Government, as well as employers, to take action to improve family-friendly policies, after the Child Support Act and the Child Support Agency had indicated the importance of fathers' financial responsibilities for their children.

Supporting a statutory right to family leave, he said: "Good employers shouldn't have to subsidise the Government by supplying services they don't. Childcare, nursery education and support services for carers should be provided publicly."

Proponents of family-friendly employment practices argue that there is a direct, bottom-line advantage in pursuing such policies in terms of reduced absenteeism, lower turnover, smaller recruitment costs and higher productivity, and point to the adoption of such policies by banks, building societies, such as the Alliance & Leicester, and Boots, the retailer. Midland Bank, for instance, had no nurseries for its staff — 63 per cent of whom are women — five years ago, but now has 114.

Joanna Foster, who chairs the UK Year of the Family, said: "If you genuinely acknowledge the family commitments and responsibilities of your employees, they will repay you many times over in productivity, loyalty, commitment and enthusiasm."

The agenda includes a 36-point action plan for companies to adopt to improve their work organisation.

☐ British Coal is rated even by the unemployed as the worst employer to work for, and Virgin the best, according to a survey today of people out of work.

The survey, carried out by *Jobsearch*, an employment guide magazine, of more than 3,000 of its 100,000 readers, also suggests that management and skilled workers have born the brunt of redundancies and that Conservative voters who have lost their jobs, 70 per cent compared with 63 per cent in the survey last year, will not support the Tories again.

After its extensive programme of pit closures and redundancies among mineworkers, British Coal tops the list, with 24 per citing it as the company by which they would least like to be employed. British Rail follows at 14 per cent, and then British Nuclear Fuels, at 10 per cent.

Virgin's boss, Richard Branson, is named as the businessman the unemployed most admire, with 57 per cent of the total votes. Anita Roddick, the Body Shop founder, is listed by 60 per cent as the most admired female business leader.

Mr Branson is the person with whom 48 per cent of the unemployed would most like to swap their lives, followed by Michael Palin, the BBC globetrotter and former *Monty Python* star, 21 per cent, and Steven Spielberg, the Oscar-winning film director, 17 per cent.

More than four-fifths do not believe that the Government cares about the unemployed, while 56 per cent believe that if Labour had been in power the Government would have both cared and helped more.

☐ Office workers are more likely to suffer from colds, flu and migraine than people who work at home, according to survey evidence presented at the Royal Society of Medicine.

☐ Ann Widdecombe, employment minister, announced the nationwide extension of the Government's £45 million scheme for out-of-school and holiday childcare.



Edzard Reuter, chairman, said cost-cutting continues

Daimler drives into the red

BY A CORRESPONDENT

DAIMLER-Benz, Germany's biggest industrial group, yesterday posted a massive loss for 1993, its first since the Second World War, but said that it expected to return to profit in 1994. Daimler made a group net loss, according to US GAAP accounting rules — which the group has adopted since listing its shares in New York — of DM1.839 billion, against a DM1.350 billion profit in 1992.

According to less strict German accounting rules, which allow companies to draw on hidden reserves to bolster profit in bad years, the group made a net profit of DM615 million, after DM1.451 billion in 1992. Only this drawing on reserves allowed the company to pay a dividend for 1993, although, as it announced last week, this was cut to DM8, from DM13 in 1992.

In 1993, Daimler made an operating loss of DM3.3 billion, after a profit of DM2.2 billion in 1992. Sales fell slightly to DM97.7 billion, from DM98.5 billion in 1992.

Mercedes-Benz, the luxury car subsidiary, which accounts for two-thirds of group sales, made an operating loss of DM1.267 billion, after a DM2.284 billion profit in 1993.

Deutsche Aerospace and AEG, two subsidiaries, both made operating losses of almost DM1 billion.

Edzard Reuter, chairman, said that he was sure that the group would post an operating profit this year. "All in all — for the whole of 1994, a clear reversal in the earnings trend and a positive operating result can be expected as a consequence of marked increases in sales," he said.

Herr Reuter, who this year takes over the chairmanship of the Airbus consortium, in which Daimler's aerospace division, DSAS, is a leading member, said that Daimler's drastic cost-cutting would continue. He expected a 35 per cent improvement in German operations.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Instant Sun Alliance mortgages by phone

SUN Alliance is to offer instant mortgages over the telephone. It claims to be the first to give prospective borrowers a conditional offer within two hours of their call. Borrowers calling the number, which will be published today, are promised conditional offers, confirmed within a week to ten days. The company is offering a two-year fixed mortgage at 6.55 per cent with no valuation, administration or legal fees, and a standard variable rate of 7.55 per cent, with a £1,200 cash back offer. It expects to convert 70 per cent of enquiries, and says that offers will not be conditional on additional insurance. Sun Alliance has sold 1,500 mortgages through its sales force since it set up its own mortgage company in mid-1992, and with its "rapid response" phone line is looking to double it this year to £200 million.

Direct Line, the telephone insurance arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland intends to offer telephone mortgages this summer, but only to existing customers.

FR Group optimistic

FR GROUP, the aerospace and defence contractor, says order books which were strong at the end of December have continued to grow in 1994, and that group costs are coming down. FR reported a slide in 1993 pre-tax profits from a restated £23.6 million to £21 million, which knocked net earnings from 21.74p to 18.23p a share. Michael Cobham, chairman, said he was raising the total dividend from 7.2p to 7.56p "because of the improved prospects for 1994 which emanate from the excellent order intake" and because he had a "reasonably optimistic view of the future". Tempus, page 29

Ferrum buys Chalcon

FERRUM Holdings, the engineering company, has acquired Chalcon, the Midlands engineer, for £3.4 million and is paving the way for a £5 million rights issue with a capital reconstruction. The 16-for-9 rights issue at 45p a share will cut borrowings and provide working capital. The effect of the capital reconstruction is to consolidate every five Ferrum shares into one. Ferrum said the all-share acquisition of Chalcon would generate big cost savings. Ferrum also said that it incurred pre-tax losses of £2.8 million in 1993, against a loss of £3.6 million. There is no dividend (2.5p).

Ross plans flotation

ROSS Group, the consumer products and technical services group, is planning the flotation of its Powercords International subsidiary in the Far East next year. Ross also announced that Tomei International Holdings, a Hong Kong company, was increasing its investment in the group to 14.1 per cent. Ross also disclosed pre-tax losses of £1.6 million for 1993 (£4.4 million profits), after total restructuring costs of £3.5 million. Losses were 1.13p a share, compared with earnings of 2.12p. In spite of this, the company is paying a final dividend of 0.2p, making a total of 0.4p (0.65p).

Closure hits Yule Catto

YULE Catto & Co, the speciality chemicals and building products group that raised £30 million via a one-for-six rights issue last October, says closing costs charged against profits spoilt otherwise reasonable results in 1993. Pre-tax profits for the year ended December 31 were £18.22 million, compared with £22.17 million. Closure costs associated with a building product subsidiary charged against 1993 profits totalled £2.28 million. The year's dividend rises by 7.3 per cent to 6.2p. The group says the financial position is strong and there are growth opportunities in 1994 and beyond.

M&S boosts Dewhirst

DEWHIRST Group, a leading clothing and toiletries supplier to Marks and Spencer, benefited from the latter's "Outstanding Value" marketing initiative to boost profits and increase the total dividend by 45 per cent to 1.45p from 1p, with a 1.05p final. In the year to January 14, 1994, the company increased taxable profits by 48 per cent to £9.6 million (£6.5 million) on sales up 18 per cent to £214.1 million. Earnings per share rose from 3.52p to 5.08p. The shares rose 9p to 114p. Tim Dewhirst, chairman, said trading margins had improved from 3.9 per cent to 4.5 per cent.

Venture capital steady

THE British venture capital industry invested £1.42 billion worldwide in 1993, compared with £1.43 billion in 1992. Of the total, £1.2 billion was invested in 1,066 UK companies. The British Venture Capital Association yearly survey on investment activity covered 115 respondents. Investment in the South East amounted to £650 million, while investment in Scotland rose from £96 million to £119 million. Management buyouts and buy-ins accounted for £769 million of UK investment. There was a 38 per cent rise in the average size of MBO-MBI financing from £2.4 million to £3.3 million.

British Coal jobs reprieve

BRITISH Coal last night withdrew plans to cut hundreds of pit jobs because of "speculation" about the number of miners to be made redundant.

The corporation had warned union leaders at a meeting near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, that up to 800 jobs could go at four pits over the next year because of improved efficiency and falling demand for coal. Union officials were told that pits at Harworth near Worksop, Thoresby near Mansfield, Bilsthorpe near Newark, all in Nottinghamshire, and Daw Mill in Warwickshire were all likely to be hit.

British Coal later telephoned the Union of Democratic Mineworkers withdrawing the proposals. It said last night: "Because of the speculation we thought the best thing is to step back."

Lautro fines Manulife £65,000

BY SARA MCCONNELL PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

MANULIFE has been fined £65,000 by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) for failing to monitor and control one of its salesman.

Lautro found that Manulife had taken on the salesman at the start of 1991 without taking up references from his previous employer. After employing him, the company was told by the previous employer that there were "serious allegations" against the salesman, but failed to investigate. According to Lautro, there was a "lack of involvement by Manulife's compliance department in the appointment and subsequent monitoring process".

Between January 1991 and July 1992, when the salesman was employed by Manulife, the company failed to check "factfinds" (forms giving details of customers' financial circumstances) completed by the salesman. It has had to compensate investors sold unsuitable policies.

Shachi Shah, company solicitor at Manulife, said it was a small number and that an investigation was still going on, at Lautro's request. No investor would lose out because of the salesman's activities.

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KIDWORKS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
REGISTERED NO: 2323803
Pursuant to Section 460(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 5.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 take notice that we, M C WITHALL and P S FLESHER of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company on 30 March 1994 by Midland Bank plc under the terms of a debenture dated 20 September 1989.
Dated 30 March 1994
M C WITHALL and
P S FLESHER
Joint Administrative Receivers

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 001480 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF PILLAR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 30th March 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £7,674,000 to £5,700,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of companies on 31st March 1994.
Dated the 12th day of April 1994
NORTON ROSE
PO Box 570
Blackfriars House
19 New Bridge Street
London EC4V 6DH
Ref: A2068/63/VH/65535
Solicitors for the above-named Company

TRANSMISSION DRIVES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Registered Number: 877220
Nature of Business: Manufacturers and dealers in transmission and conveyor belting
Trade Classification: 11
Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 29 March 1994
Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc.
Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence Joint Administrative Receivers (Office Holder Nos. 6712 & 6629 of Booth & Wilde, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9RN.

Wheeler Tech Limited
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NOTICE is hereby given that we, Frank Shand and Lashley Herman of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Wheeler Tech Limited on 5th April 1994 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 12th November 1990 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company. Assets of the company of which the person appointed is not made receiver: None. 8th April 1994 Frank Shand Joint Administrative Receiver.

No.000982 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF WARREN HOUSE RESTAURANTS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 30th March 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company by £2,780,000 from £2,998,300 to £348,300 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 30th day of March 1994.
DATED this 8th day of April 1994
Osborne Clarke,
6-9 Middle Street,
London EC1A 7JA
Solicitors for the above-named Company

No: 7051 of 1992
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
HENRY CONSTANTINE WALKER
I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, hereby give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named Bankrupt on 1 December 1993. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me and all debts due to the estate must be paid to me.
Any creditor who wishes to make a claim in these proceedings must send details to me.
J V VENVIL
Trustee in Bankruptcy
8 April 1994

PATOL LIMITED
We, DAVID ALAN ROLPH and ROGER WILLIAM CORK of MOORE STEPHENS, St PAUL'S HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON, EC4P 4BN hereby give notice that on the 31st of March 1994 we were appointed administrative receivers of the above named company by The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc under the terms of a debenture dated 2nd April 1990 giving the holders a fixed and floating charge over the whole of the assets of the company.
Dated 31st March 1994
DAVID A. ROLPH and
ROGER W. CORK
Joint Administrative Receivers

No: 578 of 1993
IN THE ST ALBANS COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
EMANUEL BERY
I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, hereby give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named Bankrupt on 17 December 1993. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me and all debts due to the estate must be paid to me.
Any creditor who wishes to make a claim in these proceedings must send details to me.
J V VENVIL
Trustee in Bankruptcy
8 April 1994

PPI LINER SERVICES LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 1900797
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF PPI LINER SERVICES LIMITED
On 30 March 1994 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Peter Norman Gerard of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any debts owed by the company to the liquidator, at Thames Court 1 Victoria Street Windsor SL4 1HB by 29 April 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 31 March 1994
PN Sprott
Liquidator
PNS/BR/WMVPP01/050/LP

No: 669 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
TERENCE JOHN WILSON
I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, hereby give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named Bankrupt on 10 March 1994. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me and all debts due to the estate must be paid to me.
Any creditor who wishes to make a claim in these proceedings must send details to me.
J V VENVIL
Trustee in Bankruptcy
8 April 1994

LCYTUN LIMITED
Nature of Business: Property Development
Trade Classification: 25
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7 April 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Dali Holdings Limited, Alan John Barratt & John Francis Golding, Joint Administrative Receivers 1098 & 6485, Price Waterhouse No1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL

No: 84 of 1993
IN THE MELTON (EYRES COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
ROBERT NIXON
I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, hereby give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named Bankrupt on 8 February 1994. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me and all debts due to the estate must be paid to me.
Any creditor who wishes to make a claim in these proceedings must send details to me.
J V VENVIL
Trustee in Bankruptcy
8 April 1994

Company Number 1776996
JOBLIN CO. (U.K.) LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Following a group reorganisation, the trade and business of the above named company were transferred on 31 December 1993 to Rimm Foods (UK) Limited and V Bendel Limited which have been conducting the business of the above named company in usual and are responsible for all liabilities arising on their respective businesses. Consequently, the above named company has become dormant and was put into solvent liquidation by the members of the company on 30 March 1994. As such, all creditors with valid claims either have been, or will be, paid in full.
Notice that below are merely formal and are required pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules applicable in the United Kingdom giving creditors notice of the Joint Liquidators' appointment and the steps creditors should take to register any claim they may have against the above named company.
On 30 March 1994 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yeargh Gotchin and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL were appointed Joint liquidators by the members.
The Joint Liquidators give notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the company must send details in writing, of their debts or claims against the company, to the Joint liquidators at the above address by 4 May 1994, which is the last day for proving claims. The Joint liquidators also give notice that they will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all known creditors in full.
13 April 1994
AV Lomas
Joint Liquidator

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☐ Just the ticket for Branson ☐ PIA on the spot ☐ GKN waits on key Westland shareholders

Virgin seduces Delta

☐ HATS OFF to Richard Branson. The chairman — and sole owner — of Virgin Atlantic Airways has once more outflanked his arch-rivals, British Airways, by tying up a code-sharing deal with Delta Air Lines, America's third-largest carrier.

But why would a huge international carrier, with a fleet of 500 aircraft, want to buy £100 million a year of transatlantic capacity within the cabins of a foreign parvenu with just 12 planes? The answer is two-fold. Under the Bermuda 2 bilateral agreement between Britain and America, only two airlines from each country are allowed to operate scheduled services from London Heathrow across the Atlantic. That privilege is enjoyed by British Airways and Virgin on the British side, American Airlines and United on the other.

To make the most of their transatlantic flying rights, each carrier needs to feed passengers smoothly to and from connecting services. Hub and spoke networks give the Americans a huge domestic catchment. BA has used its old empire routes in the reverse direction. But each was obliged to abandon travellers at its foreign "gateway."

To overcome this handicap, airlines have sought code-sharing deals with operators which have complementary networks so that passengers can be sold "through" tickets. BA's agreement to take a 24.6 per cent stake in USAir, the fourth largest American carrier, upset the balance of handicaps by making it the first of the four carriers to access catchment and distribution networks at each end of the transatlantic pipeline.

Under pressure from their airlines, the two governments sat down to try to draw up an "open skies" agreement that would make it easier for carriers to conclude deals with each other. But scarcity of slots at Heathrow, to give more American airlines access, caused the talks to stall.

Shut out of Heathrow, Delta was the sternest critic of the deal between BA and USAir. Little wonder: Delta was deprived of access to Europe's premier hub and the profitability of its domestic network was impaired. Virgin, meanwhile, suffered from the lack of feeder services. The code-sharing agreement should benefit both. Mr Branson appears to have extracted a good price for access to his Heathrow slots monopoly. His revenues will rise by more than £100 million a year. Provided Mr Branson can win the take-off and landing slots he will need to give Delta capacity without squeezing his own customers off flights, Virgin now appears on a fast-track to rapid growth.

Clearly, Ronald Allen, Delta's chairman, would have preferred to fly his own planes into Heathrow. The Virgin deal is an amicable compromise. "We have to play by the rules and play the cards we are dealt," he said yesterday." But Delta may also benefit from a less tangible Virgin asset: the strength of its brand. British Airways claims to be the world's favourite airline. Yet Mr Branson's buccaneering underdog style evokes a special loyalty among customers.

Costly evidence for the PIA

TODAY marks the start of one of the most critical phases in the development of the Personal Investment Authority. This afternoon, the influential Treasury and Civil Service committee, headed by John Watts, will resume its enquiry into the supervision of financial services in general and the PIA in



particular. At 5pm, Dr Julian Farrand, the highly respected Insurance Ombudsman, will give his evidence. He is likely to highlight what he sees as "reduced and restricted" investor protection that the PIA will offer.

Even more important will be the appearance a week today of Mike Blackburn, the chief executive of the Halifax Building Society. The UK's largest society is certain to voice a number of its concerns, including the rapidly escalating costs of the PIA — £6 million before it has even opened its doors for business.

The Halifax will not announce whether it will join PIA before Mr Blackburn's appearance, and, in the meantime, application forms to join the PIA have slowed to a mere trickle. It only needs a handful of the other major players — whether they be banks, building societies or life companies — to refuse to join and the loss of revenue will make it almost impossible for the PIA to open for business in mid-July.

The select committee has already indicated that it may issue an interim report based on the evidence it has heard so far. The chairman is on record as saying that those who have already appeared before the committee have expressed a "considerable degree of scepticism on whether PIA will deliver the step change in regulation it has promised".

If an interim report were to contain a number of major recommendations, it would be hard for the Government, and in particular the Treasury, which is responsible for overseeing the regulation of financial services, to ignore. These could set the timetable for the PIA even further back.

Finally, in two weeks from today, Joe Palmer and Colette Bowe, the PIA's chairman and chief executive, will appear before the committee for a second time. They are likely to face tough questioning on a number of key issues, such as who will replace Peter Taylor, the PIA's deputy chairman, who announced this week that he is to stand down. The role of Mr Palmer is again likely to top the agenda, in view of the fact that he was chief executive of Legal & General when regulatory rule breaches took place that subsequently led to a £180,000 fine and £220,000 costs.

GKN trundles towards 75%

☐ GKN has taken the opportunity to point out to shareholders that the second tranche of its £248 million rights issue will duly become payable upon receipt of 75 per cent acceptances in respect of its £577 million takeover bid for Westland.

Indications are that acceptances have gone clear of 60 per cent, although GKN is clearly waiting on a quartet of key institutions to cast their votes.

GKN's revised terms — raised from 290p to 335p — saw the bid go unconditional last month, an event which left Westland's directors, led by Alan Jones, with little choice other than to recommend acceptance. Jones & Co's message was that although the board did not believe the terms fully reflected the company's value, it would not be in shareholders' interests to retain minority holdings in part of the enlarged GKN group.

It is no secret that Schroders, advisers to Westland (with a 13 per cent stake), M&G, renowned for supporting successful management (9 per cent), and Royal Insurance, whose chairman Sir John Cuckney formerly headed Westland (4 per cent), adopted a distinctly hostile attitude towards GKN's original offer. The Pru accounts for a further 6 per cent stake.

Westland's recommendation is expected to hold sway over the likes of Schroders and M&G, although GKN's camp (wisely) has always refused to second guess the fund managers. Yesterday's reminder that the rights deadline, subject to the 75 per cent factor, is 3pm on May 10, clearly indicates mounting confidence. Meanwhile, the strength of GKN's share price — up 43p to 580p since the final offer — suggests the City agrees with Jones. GKN has bought Westland on the cheap.

Yorkshire TV directors under fire

DIRECTORS of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television yesterday faced a barrage of criticism from investors over its steep losses in 1993 and payoffs for executives who were sacked or who quit after last year's traumas.

Ward Thomas, brought in as chairman after Clive Leach resigned in November, told the annual meeting: "I acted as fast as anybody could once we knew something was going wrong."

Shareholders criticised £780,000 in pay-offs, especially £100,000 for Mr Leach.

The company declared a £7.88 million pre-tax loss last year and paid no final dividend.

Scottish TV detects cooling of television takeover fever

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE tide of takeovers among television companies is now slackening, according to Scottish Television, one of the industry's favourite targets in recent months but which now claims to be largely off bid alert.

Gus Macdonald, managing director of Scottish TV, said: "At the moment, I don't see any great sense of activity, of predators prowling around in the heather up here."

He was responding to a 23p fall in the company's shares to 481p, reflecting some disappointment with the 1993 results. "I think inside our share price there's always been a levitating element based on bid opportunities," he said. "If we are going back towards fundamentals, that's a comfort. Some of the takeover fever is cooling now," he added.

Mr Macdonald also insisted that, contrary to some market speculation, Scottish TV had no plans to make a hostile bid for Grampian TV, its ITV neighbour.

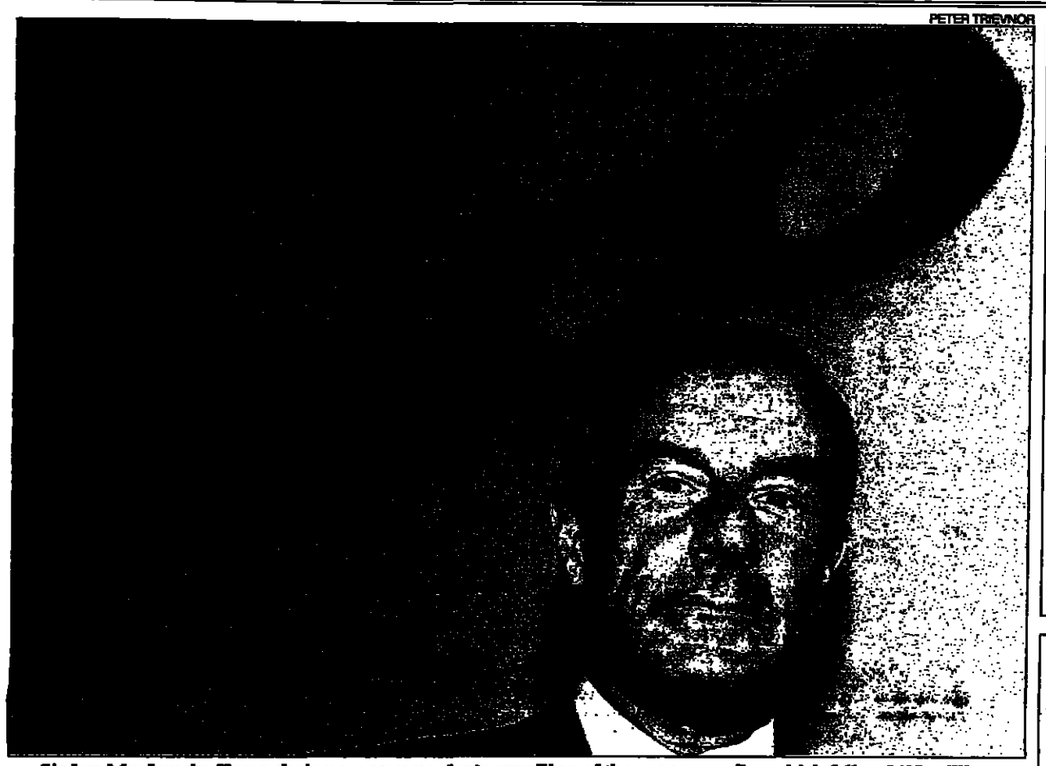
Scottish TV reported pre-tax profits of £13 million, in line with most market forecasts although well below some. They came after £10.8 million reported in 1992, although this figure is not comparable because of changes in the ITV system and the payment of levies to the Government.

The company is paying a 10.2539p final dividend, making a total up from 9.9281p to 12.4102p, a 25 per cent increase that was in line with the previous year's rise, Mr Macdonald said. Earnings per share increased from 16.54p to 21.29p.

In a difficult year Scottish TV saw its share of ITV's total net advertising revenue fall from 5.52 to 5.35 per cent.

The changes in the ITV system reduced advertising sales from £91.6 million to £75.9 million, but this was almost balanced by a similar increase in sales from Scottish Television Enterprises, the newly-independent programme-making subsidiary.

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PETER TREVINOR

Sir Ian MacLaurin, Tesco chairman, at yesterday's unveiling of the pre-tax profits, which fell to £435 million

Supermarket price wars put the brake on Tesco

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

■ **Tesco is bracing itself for a protracted battle with cut-price competitors as consumers continue to look for value for money in the supermarkets**

THE supermarket price wars have hit Tesco, keeping the underlying profits of Britain's second-biggest food retailer static last year and leading the company to give warning of further price pressures in the coming 12 months.

David Malpas, managing director, said that the need to cut prices on basic commodities to meet consumers' demand for value and to counteract competition from discounters had hit gross margins. He predicted further, smaller, falls in the current year in spite of a slight recovery since the year end. "There was a sharp downwards adjustment in margins last year," he said. "For the next year or so, we are going to see some aftershocks from that adjustment, but we don't think we are on a downward spiral."

Mr Malpas said that Kwik Save's recent cutting of prices on leading brands by up to 15 per cent was one "aftershock", although Tesco did not plan to respond immediately. "We think the market is likely to become more competitive, not less competitive, during the year and we therefore think it is wise to be cautious," he said.

Pre-tax profits tumbled from £558 million to £435.5 million for the year to February 26. However, the fall was primarily due to changes in the company's accounting policies, which included a £68.5 million charge for depreciation on land and buildings and a £92.9 million loss on property disposals. Excluding one-off items, underlying pre-tax profits were 0.2 per cent up on the previous year.

Sales from Tesco's British supermarkets moved ahead strongly, rising by 10.3 per cent, from £8.13 billion to £8.97 billion. Its 26 new stores contributed 7 per cent, with like-for-like sales from existing outlets adding 3.3 per cent.

Mr Malpas said that Tesco's increased price competitiveness had driven the rise in sales, with higher volumes being sold to more customers, albeit at lower prices. The economy Value Lines range, launched last August, had proved successful and now accounted for 3 per cent of turnover.

The group, which announced radical plans earlier this year to scale back its large out-of-town superstore development programme to concentrate on the high street, is to open 30 stores in the current year, including 11 smaller superstores and four inner-city Metro stores. Capital expenditure is expected to fall from last year's £779 million to about £630 million in the current year, reflecting the reduction in development.

Carteau, the French supermarket chain, saw sales rise by 7.1 per cent, to £280.2 million, in the seven months to December 31, giving operating profit of £8.2 million. Mr Malpas said that the performance was satisfactory, given the depressed state of France's economy and the difficult nature of the market, which has a high proportion of discounters.

The current year has started well, with sales up by 10.5 per cent and like-for-like sales 3.3 per cent ahead.

A final dividend of 5.3p (4.85p) makes 7.75p (7.10p), a rise of 9.2 per cent.

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Single buyer sought for Lancer Boss

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE British bank that appointed an administrator to the collapsed Lancer Boss fork-lift truck company yesterday called for the British and German receivers to collaborate to find a single buyer for the whole business.

National Westminster Bank said: "Even at this late stage we still believe that the best solution for everybody to this problem is for the receivers in Germany and England to get together and find a buyer for the whole of the business." The call was made after it emerged that two British companies were engaged in due-diligence enquiries preparatory to making bids for the Lancer Boss Group, including its plants in Bedfordshire, Munich and Barcelona. It is understood that one of the would-be buyers was willing to offer more for the business than Lancer's German rival, Jungheinrich.

Jungheinrich executives are in talks with the lawyer appointed to sell Lancer's German subsidiary, Steinbock Boss, by Bayerische Hypo-Bank. It and other German banks put Steinbock into receivership on Friday despite being warned that such action would undermine the plant in Leighton Buzzard, which employs more than 600 people.

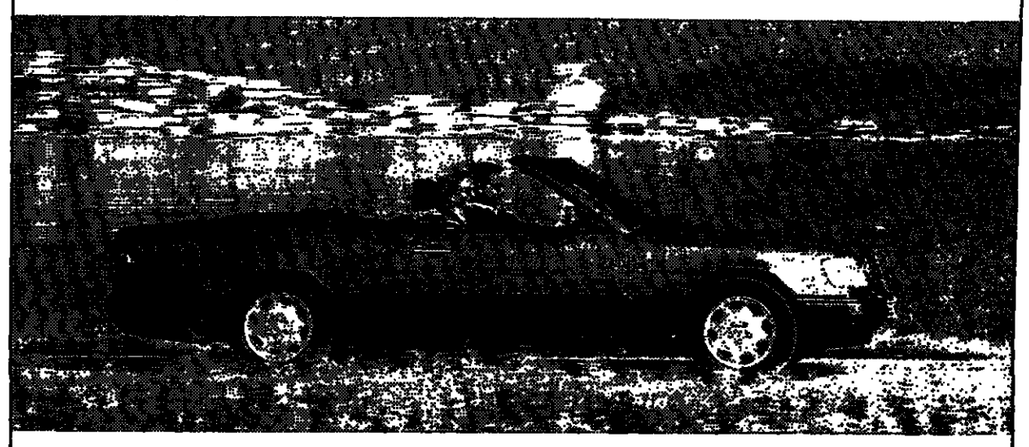
Representatives of Lancer's London bankers, including NatWest, Standard Chartered and Dresdner Bank, sought until late on Thursday night to dissuade their German colleagues from pulling the plug on Steinbock Boss.

Advisers to Lancer Boss have been seeking a buyer for almost a year. However, it appears the preferred bidder, an international group acceptable to both British and German banks owed money by Lancer Boss, withdrew at Easter. The German banks then re-opened discussions with Jungheinrich, although its proposals had earlier proved unacceptable.

Last night, Jungheinrich, issued a statement in which it "reiterates its interest in the English part" of the group.

However Allan Griffiths, the administrative receiver, believes employees and creditors will be best served if the Lancer Boss Group is offered for sale as a single unit. His representatives were yesterday seeking talks with the German receiver.

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Paris°	FF	3.000*	2.470*
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Glaxo shares take a beating in two-pronged assault

STOCK MARKET

SHARES of Glaxo suffered a two-pronged assault that succeeded in wiping out an early lead to leave the price 17p lower on the day at 581p.

Talk that a large line of stock, totalling several million shares, was overhanging the market excited the bears initially. But the problem for the group was compounded by the start of trading on Wall Street amid suggestions that Salomon Brothers had begun telling clients to sell.

Market-makers in London reacted quickly to the first signs of stock from New York being offered by marking the Glaxo price sharply lower. By the close, 5.5 million shares had changed hands in London.

The rest of the equity market tried to extend Monday's firm start to the account, but boiled over towards the close as one leading broker began selling the future. The FT-SE 100 index, up more than 31 points in early trading, eventually saw its lead reduced to 9.7 points at 3,159.1.

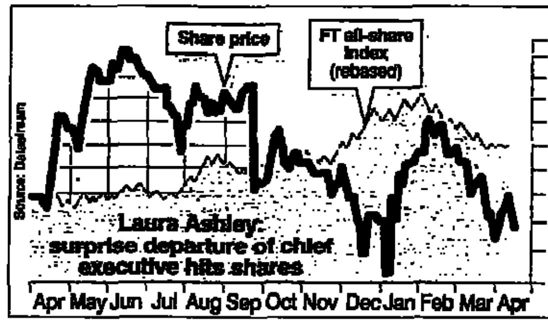
A total of 906 million shares changed hands, although special situations in several lowly-priced issues accounted for a sizable proportion of that.

Shares of **Laura Ashley**, the soft furnishings group, dipped to 76p before recovering their poise to end 4p lower at 81p on learning of the surprise departure of Jim Maxmin as chief executive before tomorrow's full-year figures, which are expected to be in line with expectations.

Independent Insurance was steady at 275p in spite of reports that James Capel, the broker, had tried to place a line of 3 million shares.

BPB Industries rose 11p to 331p as Warburg Securities lifted its pre-tax profit forecast for 1995 by £15 million to £140 million and for 1996 by £20 million to £185 million. **Pilkington**, up 10p at 200p, was sought after Goldman Sachs turned positive on the shares.

Thorn EMI climbed 19p to £11.44, with UBS, the broker, recommending the shares to clients. **Rank Organisation** rose 12p to 420p after Kleinwort Benson reiterated



its buy stance. A buy note from Lehman Brothers was responsible for a 14½p rise in **British Airways** to 443½p.

Tesco advanced 3p to 218p, after touching 225p, in spite of pre-tax profits dropping from £558 million to £435 million. The group indicated that margins may have recovered since the year-end. The rest of the food retailers were also marked higher, with **J. Sainsbury** up 9p to 375p, **Argyll** 1p to 251p, **Asda** ¼p to 57½p, and **Shoprite** 7p to 204p. **Kwik Save**, which last week announced plans to cut one in ten of its product lines, ended 12p cheaper at 601p, weighed down by competition worries.

Metal Bulletin, the specialist publisher and information provider, responded to encouraging words on current trading at its annual meeting. Trevor Tarring, chairman, said that turnover in the first two months was up almost 14 per cent, with advertising sales in the first quarter above schedule and subscription revenues on target. The shares added 9p to 397p.

Scottish Television fell 22p to 482p after hoisting pre-tax profits last year by £2.5 million to £13.03 million.

Erith celebrated a return to the black and the dividend list with a rise of 3p to 69p. **Waste Recycling**, which came to market last month via a placing at 50p, firmed 3p to 66p, helped by buy recommendations from Killik & Co, the private client stockbroker, and Marshall, the company's own broker.

Hobson, which is quoted on the USM, remains suspended at 27p. The group is thought to be in talks to buy the Co-operative Wholesale Society's food and drink manufacturing division. A deal may be imminent.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts had a firm start, but came off the boil on the back of a weaker German Bund. The June series of the Long Gilt finished £¼ lower at £107 27/32 in thin trading that saw only 66,000 contracts traded.

Dealers are awaiting tomorrow's Bundesbank meeting and the announcement of a possible gilt auction and the retail price index on Friday. They expect conditions to be nervous for the rest of the week.

In the cash market, a large buyer supported index-linked issues. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was unchanged at £112 3/8. Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was off 1/32 at £108 17/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Weakness in the high-technology sector, stemming from disappointing first-quarter earnings at Motorola, kept Wall Street shares lower in early trading. At midday, The Dow Jones industrial average was down 7.14 points to 3,681.69.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4755 (+0.0019)
German mark .... 2.5359 (+0.0187)
Exchange index .... 80.1 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3159.1 (+9.7)
Dow Jones .... 3681.69 (-7.14)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19648.33 (-249.75)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5¼-5⅛%
US Federal Funds 3⅜%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.58-3.56%*
Long Bond 7.23%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4746*	£:$	1.4751
$:DM	1.7195*	£:DM	2.5380
$:SWfr	1.4495*	£:SWfr	2.1382
$:Ffr	5.8780*	£:Ffr	8.6740
$:Yen	103.50*	£:Yen	152.75
£:SDR	1.0529	£:ECU	1.3054

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 378.40 .... PM 378.00
Close 377.80-378.30
New York:
Comex 378.05-378.55*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $14.75 per bbl (May)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI. 142.1 Feb (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

Brewin Dolphin wants flotation by summer

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BREWIN Dolphin, the private client stockbroker, is coming to the market in the summer with an estimated market capitalisation of between £35 million and £40 million.

The flotation will value the shares held by 120 directors and senior employees at up to £24 million. They hold 85 per cent of shares after buying the company out from SE Banken only two years ago. The float, which will involve the issue of new shares, will reduce their stake to between 50 and 60 per cent. They have seen the value of their investment soar since the management buyout in April 1992 which valued the firm at £6 million. The remaining 15 per cent of shares are held by 3i, the investment group, and by three funds managed by Baronsmead.

John Hall, the managing director, said the firm plans to raise £6 million from the float, which will be used to repay £4.5 million borrowings from Midland Bank and SE Banken and to redeem £1.1 million preference shares held by 3i and Baronsmead. He said some shareholders may sell shares as part of the flotation, but early indications are that few want to do so.

The timing of the float depends on market conditions, but, said Mr Hall, "we want to get this out of the way before rolling settlement comes in" in mid-July.

ROBIN MAYES



John Hall, left, and Sir David Rowe-Ham, chairman

Brewin is one of the biggest private client stock brokers in the country. It bought Bell Lawrie White, Edinburgh's largest stockbroking firm, from TSB for £7 million in April last year. It has £4.5 billion funds under management, of which £900 million is on a discretionary basis.

Last year, Brewin made £3.17 million before tax after a £330,000 exceptional charge relating to the cancellation of the Stock Exchange's Taurus system. Its total income for the year was £26.4 million including £9.2 million from Bell Lawrie White. Mr Hall said the float should help "increase the visibility of the company".

Brewin's nearest rival on the stock market will be BWD Securities which came to the market six years ago.

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Dansbury prepares for relisting

Danbury Group, the former USM-traded property company, is emerging from administrative receivership and is set for a relisting thanks to a deal with Suter, David Abell's mini-industrial conglomerate.

The deal will allow Danbury to clear its debts. Jon Pither, Suter's deputy chairman, will become non-executive chairman of Danbury, which is to be renamed Wedderburn Securities. Dealings should begin on May 9.

Radio loss

Allied Radio, the Crawley radio broadcaster, unveiled a capital reconstruction and rights issue, as indicated last week when its shares were suspended at 10½p. Allied also reported pre-tax losses in the year to September 30 of £1.9 million (£1.72 million).

Export boost

Walker Greenbank, the wallcoverings group, benefited from surging overseas sales to boost full-year taxable profits to £7.08 million (£6.57 million). A final of 2.1p makes 3.3p, up 6 per cent.

Unit surges

Shares in Unit Group surged 10p to 40p after the timber pallet manufacturer unveiled a subscription and rights issue along with forecast losses for the year to March 31.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Pilkington .... 200p (+10p)
Sime Darby .... 161p (+12p)
Berkeley Group .... 499p (+21p)
Heywood Williams .... 411p (+15p)

FALLS:
Watts Blake .... 525p (-10p)
Kwik Save .... 601p (-12p)
Glaxo .... 581p (-17p)

Closing Prices Page 31

WALL STREET

	Apr 12 midday	Apr 11 close
AMP Inc	59	59
AMR Corp	58	56
Abbott Labs	26	26
Aetna Life	52	53
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	45	45
Albertson's	28	28
Alcan Aluminum	22	22
Alco Standard	50	50
Allied Signal	36	36
Alum Co of Am	71	71
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	45	46
Amer Brands	30	31
Amer Cyanamid	46	48
Amer El Power	31	31
Amer Express	29	30
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	57	58
Amer Intl	86	86
Amer Stores	53	52
Amer T & T	50	50
Ameritech	37	37
Amoco	54	54
Anheuser-Busch	52	52
Apple Computer	32	33
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	6	6
Armco	5	4
Armstrng Wrld	54	54
Asarco	23	24
Ashland Oil	40	40
Atl Richfield	94	94
Auto Data Pro	52	52
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	60	60
Baker Hughes	17	17
Baltim Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	34	33
BankAmerica	41	41
Bank of NY	53	53
Bankers Tr NY	71	72
Barnett Banks	46	45
Bausch & Lomb	46	46
Baxter Intl	22	23
Becton Dickinsn	37	36
Bell Atlantic	50	50
BellSouth	55	56
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	44	44
Boeing	45	45
Boise Cascade	23	23
Borden Inc	13	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	51	51
Browning Ferris	27	27
Brunswick	21	21
Burlington Nthn	57	58
CBS	290	293
CNA Financial	64	64
CPC Intl	46	46
CSX	81	82
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpd Cities ABC	681	692
Cpd Holdings	30	31
Carolina Pwr	25	25
Caterpillar	114	115
Central & SW	24	24
Champion Intl	29	29
Chase Manhat	34	34
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	86	86
Chrysler	51	51
Chubb Corp	75	75
Cigna Corp	63	62
Citicorp	39	39
Clorox	49	49
Coastal Corp	30	30
Coca Cola	39	40
Colgate-Palmolive	56	56
Columbia Gas	27	27
Commonw Ed	24	24
Compaq Comp	101	104
Comp Ass Int	30	31
Conagra	27	27
Cons Edison	29	29
Cons Nat Gas	37	37
Cons Rail	58	59
Cooper Inds	38	38
Corning Inc	32	33
Crown Cork	37	38
Dana Corp	59	59
Dayton Hudson	76	77
Deere	84	85
Delta Air Lines	43	43
Deluxe Corp	28	29
Detroit Edison	25	25
Digital Equip	30	30
Dillard Dept St	36	36
Disney (Walt)	42	42
Dominion Res	40	40
Donnelley (RR)	28	27
Dover Corp	60	60
Dow Chemical	63	63
Dow Jones	39	40
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	35	35
Dun & Bradstreet	56	56
Du Pont	57	57
Eastman Kodak	42	42
Eaton Corp	58	58
Emerson Elec	59	59
Engelhard Corp	27	27
Enron Corp	30	30
Entergy	32	32
Ethyl Corp	11	12
Exxon	61	61
FMC Corp	47	47
FPL Group	33	33
Federal Express	63	64
Fed Nat Mtge	81	82
First Chicago	52	53
First Interstate	78	79
First Union Rty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	39	39
Fluor Corp	54	55
Ford Motor	57	58
GTE Corp	30	30
Gannett	53	53
Gap Inc Del	48	48
Gen Dynamics	42	42
Gen Electric	98	98
Gen Mills	53	53
Gen Motors	57	58
Gen Reinsurance	109	110
Gen Signal	34	33
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	64	63
Gillette	63	63
Glaxo ADR	17	17
Goodrich (BF)	42	41
Goodyear Tire	40	41
Grace (WR)	42	41
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25	25
Great Wstn Fin	16	17
Halliburton	28	29
Harcourt General	33	33
Heinz (HJ)	32	32
Hercules	109	109
Hershey Foods	46	46
Hewlett Packard	81	83
Hilton Hotels	55	57
Home Depot	42	43
Homestake Mng	19	20
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	31	31
Houston Inds	34	34
Humana	20	20
ITT Corp	87	88
Illinois Tool	41	41
INCO	23	23
Ingersoll Rand	37	36
Inland Steel	34	34
Intel Corp	67	69
IBM	53	53
Intl Flav & Fr	36	36
Intl Paper	66	65
James River Va	17	17
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39	38
Kellogg	47	48
Kerr-McGee	44	44
Kimberly-Clark	54	54
Kmart	18	18
Knight-Ridder	59	59
Lilly (Eli)	48	48
Limited Inc	20	21
LIN Brdcstng	104	105
Lincoln Nat	38	38
Litton	30	31
Liz Claiborne	25	25
Lockheed Corp	60	61
Louisiana Pac	33	33
MCI Commun	22	21
Marriott Int	27	27
Marsh & McLnn	83	83
Masco Corp	30	30
May Dept St	40	41
Maytag Corp	17	17
McCaw Cellular	46	47
McDonalds	56	56
McDonnell D	112	108
McGraw Hill	68	68
Mead Corp	40	40
Medtronic	72	73
Mellon Bk	58	58
Melville Corp	41	41
Merck Inc	29	29
Merrill Lynch	37	37
Minnesota Mine	51	51
Mobil Corp	76	75
Monsanto	80	81
Morgan (JP)	63	63
Motorola Inc	95	107
Natl Medical	15	15
Natl Semi	19	20
Natl Service Ind	26	27
Navistar Int	22	22
NBD Bancorp	28	29
NY Times A	27	26
Newmont Mng	52	53
Niag Mohawk	17	17
Nike B	58	58
NL Industries	6	6
Nordstrom	42	42
Norfolk Sthrn	62	62
Nthn State Pwr	40	40
Norwest Corp	25	26
Nynex Corp	34	34
Occidental Per	15	15
Ohio Edison	18	18
Oracle Systems	32	33
Oryx Energy Co	16	16
Owens Corning	34	35
PNC Financial	28	28
PPG Industries	77	76
Paccar Inc	53	52
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	29	29
Pac Telesis	31	31
Pall Corp	16	17
Panhandle East	20	20
Parker Hannifin	39	38
Peco Energy	27	27
Penney (JC)	55	55
Pennzoil	48	47
Pepsico	36	36
Pfizer	54	54
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Philip Morris	48	48
Phillips Pet	28	28
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	29	30
PriceCostco	17	17
Procter & Gmbl	54	54
Pub Serv E & G	27	28
Quaker Oats	62	62
Ralston Purina	38	39
Raychem Corp	37	38
Raytheon	64	64
Reebok Intl	33	33
Reynolds Metals	46	46
Roadway Srvcs	64	65
Rockwell Intl	40	40
Rohm & Haas	54	54
Royal Dutch	106	106
Rubbermaid	26	27
Safeco Corp	52	52
St Paul's Cos	79	78
Salomon Inc	52	52
Santa Fe Pac	24	24
Sara Lee Corp	21	21
Seecorp	16	16
Schering Plough	57	56
Schlumberger	51	52
Scott Paper	39	39
Seagram	29	29
Sears Roebuck	48	47
Shell Trans	62	62
Sherwin Wlms	32	32
Skyline Corp	19	19
Snap-On-Tools	38	38
Southern Co	19	19
Sthwestern Bell	39	39
Sprint Corp	34	34
Stanley Works	39	40
Sun Company	31	32
Sun Microsys	23	24
Suntrust	45	46
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	12	13
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	70	70
Tandem Comp	14	15
Tandy Corp	34	35
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	16	16
Temple Inland	48	47
Tenneco	53	53
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	74	78
Texas Utilities	37	37
Textron	53	54
Time Warner	37	38
Times-Mirror	30	30
Timken	33	34
Torchmark	38	39
Toys R Us	35	35
Transamerica	50	51
Travelers	36	36
Tribune	61	61
Tyco Labs	49	49
UAL Corp	128	128
UST Inc	24	24
USX Marathon	16	16
Unilever NV	106	106
Union Camp	44	43
Union Carbide	24	25
Union Pacific	58	58
Unisys Corp	14	14
USAir Group	7	7
USF&G Corp	12	12
US Life	39	39
US West	40	40
United Tech	64	64
Unocal Corp	26	26
Upjohn	26	27
VF Corp	52	52
WMX Tech	24	23
Wal-Mart Stores	25	25
Warner-Lambert	62	63
Wells Fargo	147	148
Westinghouse El	11	11
Weyerhaeuser	43	44
Whirlpool	60	60
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	51	51
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49	49
Xerox	104	104

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	1.98
Austria Sch	18.67	17.17
Belgium Fr	54.92	50.52
Canada $	2.141	1.981
Cyprus Cyp£	0.788	0.738
Denmark Kr	10.46	9.66
Finland Mkk	8.77	7.97
France Fr	9.06	8.36
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	386.50	361.50
Hong Kong $	12.01	11.01
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lira	2485.00	2330.00
Japan Yen	167.00	150.00
Malta	0.608	0.553
Netherlds Gld	2.974	2.744
Norway Kr	11.47	10.67
Portugal Esc	266.50	248.00
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	210.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	12.15	11.35
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.08
Turkey Lira	0	46835.0
USA $	1.568	1.438

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust High Inc (100)	101½	+1½
Applied Distbn (135)	135	...
Baronsmead Inv (100)	87	-1
Beazer Homes (165)	165½	-½
Capital Shop C'tre	222	+7
Chester Water	£86½	+½
Coal Invs Units	310	-5
Dominion Energy	12	...
Edinburgh Inca	48	...
F & C Inc Growth Inv Tst	492	+1
F & C Priv Eq	48	...
Gartmore Brit Inc	104	+1
Gartmore Brit Uts	213	...
Goldsborough Hlth (170)	150	...
Groupe Chez Grd (110)	114	...
House of Fraser (180)	189	+1
Inspec (160)	202	+7
Israel Fund ($1)	55	...
MAID (110)	74	...
Morgan G Lat Amer (100)	93	+1½
Newport (100)	95	+3
Nottingham (155)	157	...
Partco (200)	226	...
Persona (160)	166	+1
Piper Euro Smaller (100)	94	...
Piper Euro Wts	35	...
Robert Wiseman (100)	102	...
Rugby Estates (115)	116	+1
Schroder UK Gwth	501	+2
St James Beach Htls (120)	131	...
Trafficmaster (130)	204	-16
Unipalm (100)	143	+3
Wainhomes (170)	159	+2½
Waste Recycling (50)	66	+3
Wellington (205)	220	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Allied Lyons Units n/p (490)	40	+3
Coal Invs n/p (65)	11	-2
DCS n/p (55)	25	...
Greyfriars n/p (33)	4	...
Hollas n/p (25)	¼	-¼
McCarthy & Stone n/p (58)	4	...
Olives Prop n/p (40)	4	...
Persimmon n/p (282)	6	+3
Proteus Intl n/p (280)	2	-½
Proudfoot n/p (60)	9	-1
Senior Eng n/p (115)	9	+1¼
Stakis n/p (72)	13½	+3

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BLOCKLEYS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £419,000
EPS: 1.04p (0.73p)
Div: 0.5p, mkg 1p (1p)
Profit in previous year was £352,000. Upturn in housing is encouraging, but other sectors still at lowest ebb.

BOSTROM (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.03m
EPS: 11.4p (9p)
Div: 3.5p, mkg 6p (6p)
Profit in previous year was £919,000. Turnover rose to £50 million, from £34.3 million. Current year started well.

ERITH (Fin)
Pre-tax £1.09m
EPS: 1.74p (0.82p loss)
Div: 0.65p, mkg 1p
In previous year, there was a loss of £557,000 and total dividend was 0.35p. Turnover rose to £68.3 million, from £66.2 million.

HEMINGWAY PROPS.
Pre-tax: £837,000 loss
EPS: 1.07p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Final results. Previous loss was £855,000, with loss per share of 1.57p. Final dividend of 0.4p promised in current year.

FIVE OAKS INV. (Int)
Pre-tax: £655,000
EPS: 0.8p (2.04p loss)
Div: 0.2p (nil)
There was an interim loss of £953,000 in previous year. Net asset value per share was 30.3p at the end of December.

LOPEX (Fin)
Pre-tax: £502,000
EPS: 0.3p (2.53p loss)
Div: 0.25p, mkg 0.25p
In previous year, there was a loss of £372,000. No dividend was paid. Disposal of London agency will assist current-year figures.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,700	Caradon	3,700	Lloyds Bk	2,100	Sears	3,400
Abbey Natl	2,300	Carlton Cms	803	MEPC	1,100	Svrn Trent	1,000
Alld-Lyons	4,400	Coats Vyla	3,300	Marks Spr	5,600	Shell Trans	6,600
Argyll Gp	8,800	Cm Union	1,100	NFC	2,000	Siebe	1,400
Arjo Wiggn	2,800	Courtaulds	1,300	NatWst Bk	4,400	SmKl Bch	2,400
AB Foods	263	De La Rue	527	Nat Power	1,500	Smith Nph	608
BAA	1,000	Eastern Elec	260	Nth Wst W	1,300	Southern Elec	899
BAT Inds	7,800	Enterpr Oil	2,700	P & O	1,200	Std Chartd	1,300
BOC	1,100	Forte	5,300	Pearson	1,700	Sun Allnce	3,600
BP	10,000	GRE	584	PowerGen	2,000	TI Gp	1,200
BTR	6,200	GUS	3,000	Prudential	3,600	TSB	3,300
BT	7,000	Gen Acc	812	RMC	689	Tarmac	6,400
Bk of Scot	514	Gen Elec	5,300	RTZ	2,300	Tesco	10,000
Barclays	5,800	Glaxo	5,400	Rank Org	1,400	Thames W	891
Bass	1,700	Granada	1,200	Reckitt Col	760	Thrn EMI	2,000
Blue Circle	2,400	Grand Met	3,800	Redland	1,100	Tomkins	3,100
Boots	1,700	Guinness	2,000	Reed Intl	709	Unilever	3,000
Bowater	2,000	HSBC	3,000	Rentokil	1,300	Utd Bisc	2,000
Brit Aero	1,100	Hanson	8,500	Reuters	783	Vodafone	2,800
Brit Airwys	8,900	ICI	2,900	Rolls Royce	5,100	Warburg	1,400
Brit Gas	4,600	Inchcape	608	Ryl Ins	1,300	Wellcome	1,300
Brit Steel	11,000	Kingfisher	1,900	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600	Whitbread	2,000
Burmah Cst	1,200	Ladbroke	2,500	Sainsbury	2,600	Wilms Hld	927
Cable Wire	4,600	Land Secs	2,300	Scot & New	442	Wolseley	762
Cadbury	2,000	Legal & Gn	898	Scot Power	1,700	Zeneca	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3681.69 (-7.14)
S&P Composite .... 448.14 (-1.73)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19648.33 (-249.75)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9738.09 (+261.32)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 423.94 (+1.23)

Sydney: AO .... 2095.1 (+19.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2210.60 (-14.73)

FT 30 share: .... 2490.5 (+2.2)

Brussels:
General .... 7582.02 (-12.06)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2148.55 (+3.27)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 705.50 (-0.70)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1593.95 (+6.70)
FT Non Financials .... 1714.62 (+4.71)
FT Gold Mines .... 185.0 (-3.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 117.29 (+0.29)
FT Govt Secs .... 97.39 (+0.10)
Bargains 29750
SEAQ Volume 906.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 159.06 (+1.67)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 15	July 14	July 25

Call options were taken out on 12/4/94: Albion, Avesco, Bula Res, Dalepack, Johnson Fry, Oceana, Regent Corp, Signet, Villiers, Wilton.
Put: Ropner 'A'.
Puts & Calls: Avesco, Betterware, Glaxo.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 94	3173.0	3185.0	3164.0	3170.0	11943
Previous open interest: 55046	Sep 94	3192.0	3192.0	3192.0	3186.0	5
Three Month Sterling	Jun 94	94.58	94.60	94.56	94.57	14890
Previous open interest: 477183	Sep 94	94.37	94.40	94.33	94.34	9419
	Dec 94	94.10	94.11	94.04	94.04	11444
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 94	95.54	95.54	95.53	95.54	159
Previous open interest: 9774	Sep 94	94.96	94.96	94.95	94.97	117
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 94	94.58	94.60	94.57	94.59	22577
Previous open interest: 937831	Sep 94	94.85	94.86	94.83	94.84	15139
Long Gilt	Jun 94	108-19	108-25	107-25	107-27	81822
Previous open interest: 149344	Sep 94				106-30	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	111.15	111.40	111.13	111.32	2418
	Sep 94				110.28	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 94	97.59	97.70	97.13	97.14	138343
Previous open interest: 211004	Sep 94	97.28	97.32	97.22	96.83	172
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 94	101.33	101.33	101.16	101.12	240
Previous open interest: 2232	Sep 94					0
Three month ECU	Jun 94	94.01	94.02	94.00	94.00	471
Previous open interest: 31032	Sep 94	94.23	94.23	94.21	94.21	289
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 94	96.06	96.07	96.02	96.02	1787
Previous open interest: 47094	Sep 94	96.15	96.15	96.11	96.12	541
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 94	115.00	115.10	114.32	114.50	42760
Previous open interest: 85211	Sep 94	114.50	114.50	114.35	114.13	303

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.1 (day's range 79.6-80.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8245-2.8494	2.8459-2.8494	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	51.75-52.26	52.15-52.26	2-6ds	9-16ds
Copenhagen	9.8470-9.9330	9.9180-9.9330	½-1⅝ds	1⅝-3⅜ds
Dublin	1.0340-1.0380	1.0340-1.0370	9-12ds	26-32ds
Frankfurt	2.5179-2.5396	2.5363-2.5396	⅛-¼ds	¼-⅜ds
Lisbon	255.33-258.38	257.76-258.38	200-260ds	379-505ds
Madrid	203.15-205.00	204.70-205.00	51-60ds	130-144ds
Milan	2391.50-2419.20	2413.90-2417.80	6-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.0276-2.0412	2.0331-2.0361	0.04-0.15ds	0.09-0.22ds
New York	1.4670-1.4756	1.4746-1.4756	0.18-0.16pr	0.45-0.43pr
Oslo	10.8920-10.9920	10.9760-10.9920	¼-⅜ds	⅛-1⅜ds
Paris	8.6110-8.6810	8.6670-8.6810	¾-1ds	1⅞-2¼ds
Stockholm	11.5560-11.6880	11.6560-11.6800	1⅜-2⅞ds	4⅝-6¼ds
Tokyo	152.06-152.88	152.62-152.88	⅝-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.67-17.86	17.82-17.86	¼-1⅜ds	⅜-2¼ds
Zurich	2.1183-2.1397	2.1366-2.1397	¼-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4727-1.4752
Australia dollar	2.0308-2.0351
Bahrain dinar	0.547-0.559
Brazil cruzeiro*	1453.03-1455.19
Cyprus pound	0.745-0.755
Finland markka	8.0395-8.1555
Greece drachma	365.25-372.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.3789-11.3882
India rupee	45.58-46.54
Kuwait dinar KD	0.432-0.442
Malaysia ringgit	3.9653-3.9710
Mexico peso	4.88-4.98
New Zealand dollar	2.5891-2.5955
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.447-5.573
Singapore dollar	2.3052-2.3083
S Africa rand (fin)	7.6689-7.8480
S Africa rand (com)	5.3137-5.3218
U A E dirham	5.328-5.452

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3787-1.3806
Austria	12.09-12.10
Belgium (Com)	35.31-35.35
Canada	1.3828-1.3838
Denmark	6.721-6.726
France	5.871-5.876
Germany	1.7178-1.7188
Hong Kong	7.725-7.726
Ireland	1.422-1.425
Italy	1636.2-1637.7
Japan	103.4-103.5
Malaysia	2.692-2.694
Netherlands	1.9278-1.9288
Norway	7.431-7.436
Portugal	174.75-175.05
Singapore	1.565-1.566
Spain	138.76-138.86
Sweden	7.8925-7.9025
Switzerland	1.447-1.448

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 4¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4 15/16; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 4¾; 3 mth: 4 15/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4⅞-4 13/16	4 15/16-4¾	5-4 15/16	5¼-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5	5 3/16-5 1/16	5¼-5⅛	5 7/16-5 5/16	5 11/16-5 9/16
Interbank:	5⅛-5	5 3/16-5 1/16	5¼-5⅛	5 7/16-5 5/16	5 11/16-5 9/16

Overnight: open 4¾, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5	n/a	5 1/16	5¼	5 9/16
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-4 15/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5 3/16-5⅛	5 7/16-5⅜	5¾-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.65-3.62	n/a	3.87-3.84	4.26-4.23	4.89-4.86
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5 7/16-5 5/16	5¾-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1994 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1994 to May 24, 1994 Schemes III: 6.47%. Reference rate Mar 1, 1994 to Mar 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.214%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 5/16-3 3/16	3⅜-3¼	4-3⅞	4¼-4⅛	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	5⅝-5⅜	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 11/16-5 9/16	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅝
French Franc:	6¼-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅞-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-3 15/16	4⅛-3⅝
Yen:	2¼-2	2⅛-2⅛	2 3/16-2 1/16	2 3/16-2 1/16	2⅛-1¼

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $379.20-379.60 Close: $377.80-378.30 High: $379.50-380.00
Low: $375.70-376.20 Krugerrand: $377.00-379.50 (£255.25-257.25)
Sovereigns: Old $88.25-90.50 (£59.50-61.50) New $88.25-90.50 (£59.50-61.50)
Platinum: $395.50 (£268.30) Silver: $5.28 (£3.575) Palladium: $132.75 (£90.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	540	17	30	43	3	26	33
(*550)	580	1	12	22	41	60	65
Argyll	240	13	23	27	2	15	20
(*250)	260	2	13	17	12	27	31
ASDA	50	9	11	12	1	2	4
(*57)	60	1	5	7	3	7	9
Boots	500	38	50	57	1	13	18
(*536)	550	3	19	31	17	38	43
Br Airways	420	20	40	47	1	16	23
(*443)	460	3	20	28	20	38	44
BP	360	17	29	37	2	13	18
(*373)	390	2	15	25	19	29	34
Br Steel	140	11	17	21	1	8	11
(*148)	160	1	7	12	13	19	23
C & W	450	16	34	—	4	24	—
(*460)	475	4	22	—	18	37	—
CU	550	47	62	67	1	8	16
(*594)	600	7	29	35	12	28	38
ICI	800	27	58	69	5	27	44
(*821)	850	3	32	45	32	53	69
Kingfishr	550	47	57	68	1	16	26
(*594)	600	8	28	41	14	39	50
Land Sec	650	15	30	41	5	29	33
(*661)	700	2	12	20	41	63	65
M & S	420	6	20	29	5	30	33
(*422)	460	1	7	13	39	47	49
Nat West	460	29	48	55	2	14	22
(*486)	500	4	25	33	18	33	42
Sainsbury	360	16	30	38	3	22	25
(*373)	390	2	16	24	20	38	42
Shell	700	15	40	53	4	19	30
(*711)	750	1	17	29	41	48	58
Smkl Bch	360	14	30	40	4	19	27
(*369)	390	2	17	27	23	36	44
Storehse	220	9	15	21	3	14	16
(*221)	240	1	7	12	20	27	29
Trafalgar	97	9	16	—	1	8	—
(*103)	106	3	11	—	5	13	—
Unilever	1000	52	79	98	2	15	24
(*1049)	1050	11	48	67	14	35	45
Zeneca	700	36	60	72	2	17	31
(*732)	750	4	32	46	23	40	55

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Grnd Met	460	27	41	50	6	18	24
(*477)	500	7	21	30	28	39	46
Ladbroke	180	14	22	28	5	9	16
(*188)	200	4	12	18	15	20	27
Utd Bisc	330	22	34	43	5	10	18
(*345)	360	7	18	29	21	26	33

April 12, 1994 Tot: 46427 Call: 27634 Put: 18803 FT-SE Call: 9161 Put: 6004
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	950	36	62	83	4	30	44
(*979)	1000	6	35	57	27	57	68
Thames W	500	11	23	31	5	28	33
(*509)	550	1	6	13	48	66	68

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAT Ind	420	43	55	64	3	9	17
(*458)	460	14	30	42	15	25	34
BTR	360	29	39	45	4	11	16
(*383)	390	10	20	28	15	23	31
Br Aero	460	41	62	77	14	31	43
(*481)	500	21	42	58	34	52	65
Br Telecm	390	15	26	32	6	18	23
(*397)	420	4	12	18	25	37	41
Cadbury	453	27	—	—	3	—	—
(*474)	493	5	—	—	24	—	—
Guinness	460	17	33	45	12	24	32
(*462)	500	4	16	27	40	49	56
GEC	300	24	29	33	2	9	13
(*319)	330	5	12	18	15	20	30
Hanson	260	10	16	21	5	11	15
(*264)	280	3	8	12	17	23	27
LASMO	120	13	20	26	4	9	14
(*128)	130	7	16	22	8	15	19
Lucas	200	8	17	22	8	14	20
(*200)	220	2	8	13	23	27	32
Pilkingtn	180	22	27	32	1	6	10
(*199)	200	7	15	20	7	14	19
Prudential	330	11	24	30	8	15	23
(*331)	360	2	11	17	30	34	40
Redland	500	56	71	81	2	10	20
(*549)	550	18	38	51	16	28	42
Royal Ins	280	13	25	32	8	17	23
(*283)	300	5	16	23	21	29	34
Tesco	200	20	24	30	3	8	13
(*218)	220	5	13	19	13	18	23
Vodafone	500	45	63	77	5	20	28
(*536)	550	15	32	51	25	42	53
Williams	390	18	27	35	9	17	25
(*402)	420	4	14	21	30	36	43

FT-SE INDEX (*3160)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Apr	120	72	30	7	1	1
May	150	115	85	59	39	24
Jun	171	136	109	82	63	45
Jul	190	159	131	105	84	64
Dec	—	243	—	180	—	139
Puts						
Apr	1	4	13	46	92	142
May	33	47	65	92	123	159
Jun	53	68	90	113	143	176
Jul	69	87	108	132	162	192
Dec	—	150	—	191	—	243

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	460	28	40	49	13	23	27
(*470)	500	10	21	31	36	45	49
Amstrad	35	4	6	7	3	5	6
(*35)	40	2	4	5	7	8	9
Barclays	500	44	58	67	9	21	28
(*528)	550	16	31	42	34	46	53
Blue Circ	300	27	35	44	9	18	22
(*322)	330	12	21	30	26	35	37
Br Gas	280	21	25	27	7	13	18
(*296)	300	9	15	18	19	24	29
Dixons	200	15	21	26	9	18	21
(*204)	220	7	13	18	21	30	33
Forte	220	22	30	31	6	11	14
(*238)	240	9	19	21	15	21	24
Hillsdwn	160	19	22	25	3	8	8
(*177)	180	6	12	15	14	19	19
Lonrho	140	15	22	26	8	15	17
(*145)	160	7	13	18	20	27	30
Sears	110	12	16	16	3	5	6
(*119)	120	6	9	11	7	9	11
Thrn Emi	1100	76	99	117	21	52	64
(*1144)	1150	48	69	89	42	76	89
Tomkins	240	13	19	23	11	18	21
(*241)	260	5	11	15	24	31	33
TSB	220	16	23	25	8	16	18
(*225)	240	7	14	19	20	29	30
Wellcome	550	41	60	71	25	39	49
(*560)	600	19	38	49	55	68	78

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	550	35	61	74	2	22	39
(*580)	600	5	34	49	24	46	67
HSBC	800	23	70	96	16	54	76
(*804)	850	6	47	74	51	81	103
Reuter	1950	34	121	165	24	84	116
(*1961)	2000	13	94	139	54	110	140

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
R-Royce	180	11	19	24	5	12	16
(*185)	200	3	10	14	18	23	28

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Fisons	140	10	26	29	7	14	18
(*146)	160	7	17	21	19	26	30

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	600	48	62	69	4	18	26
(*642)	650	15	32	42	21	43	50

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	420	29	37	46	14	22	27
(*431)	460	9	19	28	37	45	49
Scot Pwr	390	21	30	36	14	26	29
(*393)	420	9	17	24	32	44	47

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The precious metals came under further pressure, but it is difficult to attribute all of this to the low inflation figures from the US. It would seem as if the bulk of the selling was chart driven and fundamentals have had little to do with recent action. However, it is also fair to say that the bulk of traders do not now expect an immediate problem in the South African mining industry as the elections approach.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	886-885	Jul	982-980
Jul	903-902	Sep	994-991
Sep	920-919	Dec	1016-1010
Dec	940-939	Mar	1040-1030
Mar	962-961		
May	972-971		Volume: 3622

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1542-1540	Jan	1463-1458
Jul	1490-1489	Mar	1452-1445
Sep	1474-1472	May	1460-1445
Nov	1466-1465		Volume: 6675

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Jan	unq
Spot: 262.00		Mar	...
May	10.65-11.00	May	...
Jul	11.20-11.60	Jul	...
Sep	11.00-11.25		Volume: 1167

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	295.7-94.2
Spot: 323.3		Mar	295.2-94.2
May	318.0-16.0	May	297.7-96.2
Aug	312.0-11.0	Aug	301.2-98.2
Oct	298.2-97.5		Volume: 5032

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	77.52	146.89	126.87
(+/-)	+0.27	-2.15	-1.17
Eng/Wales:	77.40	148.31	125.46
(+/-)	+0.27	-1.08	-0.60
(%)	+29.9	+0.8	+4.7
Scotland:	78.41	136.63	130.69
(+/-)	+0.06	-9.39	-2.97
(%)	+69.6	-20.6	+9.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	113.30
Jun	114.50
Sep	93.80
Nov	95.00
Jan	96.95
	Volume: 450

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	108.75
Sep	94.50
Nov	96.25
Jan	98.00
Mar	98.75
	Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	240.0	234.5
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	130.0	131.5
	Volume: 81	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
May 69.75-70.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Buying interest for late April North Sea cargoes helped to improve prompt prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.90	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	15.05	+0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	14.75	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (May)	15.85	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	15.85	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	162 (+1)	165 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	149 (+2)	151 (+3)
Non EEC 1H May	148 (+1)	150 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	148 (+2)	151 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	66 (+1)	68 (+1)
Naphtha	137 (+2)	138 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Apr	EXP	Jul	146.00-46.25
May	147.25-47.50	Aug	147.25 BID
Jun	145.50-45.75	Sep	148.75-49.25
			Vol: 20642

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	14.74-14.76	Aug	14.66-14.67
Jun	14.60-14.61	Sep	14.73-14.76
Jul	14.60-14.61		Vol: 45926

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Apr	n/a	Jul	n/a
May	163.00-67.00	Aug	n/a
Jun	n/a		Vol: 250

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 94	1282	1280	1285
May 94	1295	1295	1293
Jun 94	1245	1245	1243
Oct 94	unq	...	1274

Vol: 46 lots. Open int'st: 2888 Index 1246 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

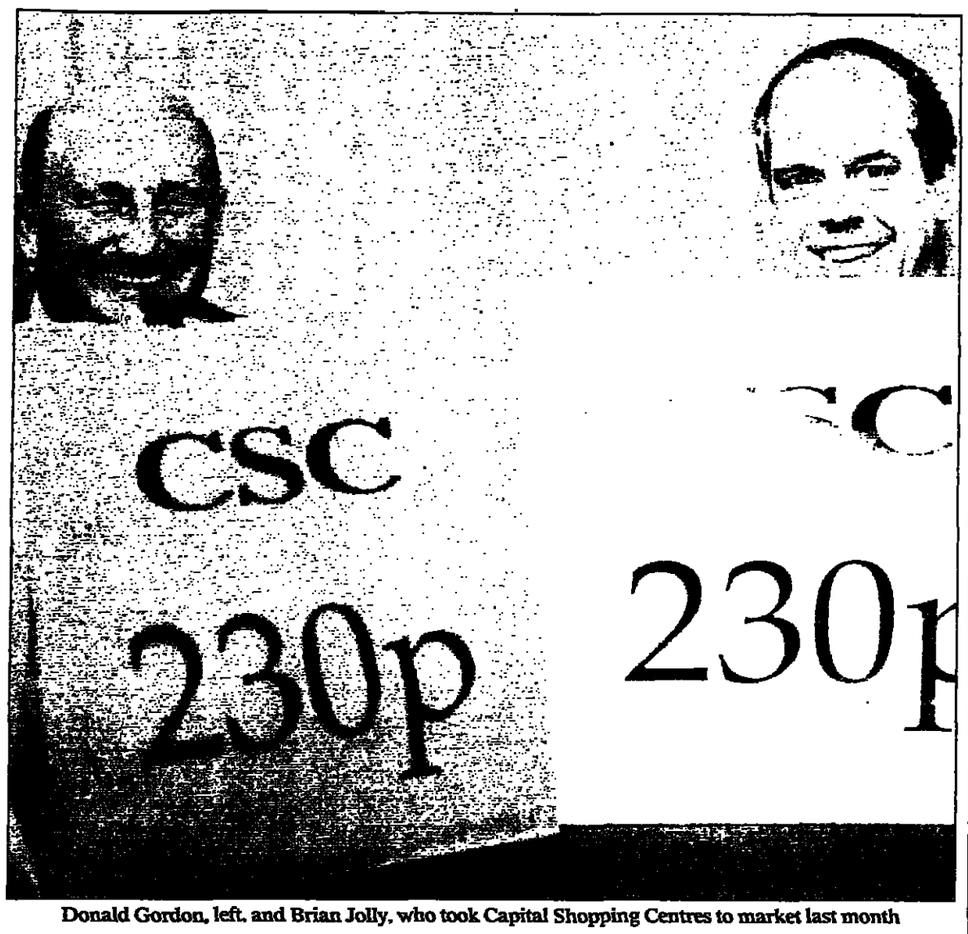
	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1874.0-1875.0	1889.5-1890.0	1168925
Lead ($/tonne)	441.00-441.50	455.50-456.00	191525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	932.50-933.50	954.00-955.00	664450
Tin ($/tonne)	5466.0-5468.0	5520.0-5525.0	21495
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1300.0-1301.0	1327.5-1328.0	1227275
Nickel ($/tonne)	5480.0-5485.0	5555.0-5560.0	66450

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Flotations show signs of sinking in rough markets

Philip Pangalos analyses recent successful and less successful attempts to join the stock market's Official List



Donald Gordon, left, and Brian Jolly, who took Capital Shopping Centres to market last month

The City's once voracious appetite for new issues appears to be waning. Several proposed flotations are understood to have been scaled down, delayed or, in the odd case, postponed, although specific companies are hard to identify.

A nervous equity market, which has seen the FT-SE 100 index tumble by more than 360 points since it peaked at 3,520.3 on February 2, has prompted a slowdown in the recent flood of companies seeking a listing.

New-issue candidates and their advisers are leaving pricing decisions until the last possible moment, and, where no firm date has yet been set, some are postponing plans to join the market to the autumn and beyond.

The nervous conditions are illustrated by a number of companies recently making a stock market debut at a discount to their issue price. In addition, shares with a public offering, usually representing a 35 per cent clawback from the placing demanded by the Stock Exchange, can be undersubscribed sometimes.

The public wanted only a meagre 14 per cent of the offer of shares in Capital Shopping Centres, the largest property flotation since the 1990 property collapse, leaving most of the stock with the institutions. Capital Shopping's merchant bank criticised the Stock Exchange for insisting that 35 per cent of the shares had to be offered to retail investors rather than placed with institutions. The shares opened at a discount to their 230p issue price and were trading yesterday at 222p.

Maid, the on-line business information group, had to scale down its flotation and was capitalised at more than £15 million below initial market expectations. Reports that some houses had baulked at the valuation given to the group amid concern about its relatively brief track record prompted a scaling down of the float. Shares in Maid were placed at 110p each. They opened at a small discount, but have since slipped back to 74p.

Some of the numerous biotechnology issues are also being treated with much more scepticism than at one time as investor fatigue sets in. Other recent issues trading at a discount include Wainhomes, which stood at 159p against an issue price of 170p, and McDonnell Information Systems, which was trading at 252p, compared with 260p issue price.

Even so, many firms are still joining the market with healthy premiums. Unipalm Group, the Cambridge-based computer communications company, made a sparkling debut recently in spite of a demanding forward multiple of 123.5 times. Shares in Unipalm, a leading UK specialist in attaching commercial organisations to a global computer network known as Internet, were trading at 143p, against a placing price of 100p.

House of Fraser, the department store group whose public offer was 2.2 times subscribed, was only a modest success, in spite of the issue price being brought down to 180p (the City had expected it to be nearer £2). The group also ran a costly television advertising campaign. House of Fraser shares ended at 189p yesterday.

Chris Hawkley, director of corporate finance at Albert E. Sharp, in Birmingham, said: "We are seeing no shortage of people keen to go to the market. We, as sponsors, are taking a robust view ... in the long term. We see no reason to be alarmed by the recent falls in the market. Prices were too high. We think it will pick up again this summer."

Domestic new issues activity in the first quarter of 1994 surged to £6.54 billion, including rights issues, representing a 34.8 per cent increase on the comparable period in 1993 when £4.71 billion was raised, according to figures from IFR Securities Data. The level of issuance rose to 187 issues in the quarter, against 119 in the comparable period last year. S.G. Warburg topped the underwriting league table, with over £1.2 billion in underwriting volume in the first quarter of 1994, boosted by its involvement in the House of Fraser float and the GKN rights issue as well a joint effort in the Allied-Lyons cash call. March saw 46 new issues, beating the previous monthly high of 42, set last November. The three largest new companies, Capital Shopping Centres, Mercury European Privatisation Investment Trust and Beazer Homes, raised £1.3 billion between them. This followed on from 80 companies that raised £3 billion in the final quarter of 1993.

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Neil Austin, head of new issues at KPMG Corporate Finance, said: "We are carrying on from where we left off in 1993, with optimism fuelling a lot of the quotes." However, he added: "There is definitely a degree of opportunism at work here. There are a number of 'iffy' businesses going for a listing that would probably not manage to float unless conditions were buoyant. They want to get in before the summer rather than risk the conditions worsening by then." The latest figures contrast vividly with the first quarter of last year, when 16 companies joined the stock market, raising a mere £349 million in funds. Mr Austin believes the bulk of flotations this year will be slanted to the first half and that there will be less money raised by investment trusts.

He said that two-thirds of the money raised by flotations in the final quarter of 1993 was by investment trusts, but less than half the money raised so far this year had gone to them. "When stock markets are booming, investment trusts get money," he added. "With the fall in the index we have had recently, the man in the street is not going to feel that putting his money in a trust is a good idea." Another area which has attracted criticism is the ballooning costs involved in gaining a listing. Mr Austin said: "It [flotation] is not a cheap business. It's not helped by the regulator, though the regulator is there to protect people. The costs are usually justified. Investors want the security that due diligence has been done. The new issues market is still pretty healthy."

Many in the Square Mile claim that the Stock Exchange has not helped matters, as the last issue of the Yellow Book contained new requirements. Costs have increased across the board, partly as a result of greater regulation.

Commissions for placings, where the costs involve a book-building exercise, are more finely priced than before, with a ¾ per cent commission fairly typical. However, offers for sale, which involve greater risk, tend to have commission rates nearer 2-2¼ per cent.

But whichever way you look at it, the higher costs of bringing a company to the market are taking an increasing proportion of the precious fresh funds being raised. Numerous parties are looking to tap this lucrative source of income, including auditors, solicitors, printers, financial advisers and the inevitable PR circus that seems to be a part of most floats today.

However, the present high level of costs for a listing make it difficult to justify a float for a company with a market capitalisation below £15 million to £20 million.

One recent typical example saw a company that was raising £22 million of fresh funds incur more than £1.3 million of costs. It cost MFI Furniture Group an estimated £20 million to come to the market, although its flotation was worth the best part of £670 million.

There are often unavoidable costs. Grahams Group, the builders merchant recently spun off from BTR, required 15 drafts of a 70-page document, showing the way in which expensive specialist City legal costs can mount up. The company is understood to have sent out more than 150,000 prospectuses, costing the best part of £1 each.

The number of prospectuses sent out was remarkably high as they had to go to all BTR's shareholders. More usuallly, the number would be nearer 30,000 prospectuses on a pathfinder. In addition, a telephone hotline service costs £1 per call, for, perhaps, 20,000 calls or more.

There are numerous floats in the pipeline including Ashanti Goldfields, the gold mining group, Dairy Crest and 3i, the venture capital group. The new issues market may not be as buoyant as it was at the end of January, but there will always be demand for good-quality, well-managed companies. The timing of their arrivals will depend on how desperate they are to reap funds and the type of exit-multiple their respective backers are prepared to accept.

TEMPUS

Fewer pounds for food

TESCO did its best to paint a good picture of last year's results, but nothing can detract from the conclusion that the second largest food retailer in the UK is having a depressing time in an awful market. Even after excluding exceptional property write-downs and depreciation Tesco's profits were flat and its gross margins suffered a 0.7 per cent fall in the second half. That is a disturbing record for an industry leader with a new store investment programme totalling £1.5 billion over the next three years.

But Tesco should be given credit for what it achieved last year. Having resigned itself to a food retailing market driven again by price rather than food fashion, Tesco last year gained market share, achieved real like-for-like sales growth of more than 2 per cent and in recent months reversed the decline in gross margin. Pressure on margins remains the imponderable for the sector. Food price inflation is not coming to the rescue and last year Tesco was forced to absorb cost increases from manufacturers. A company of Tesco's size can squeeze suppliers on price by offering to take more of their capacity which partly explains the continuing drive for market share.

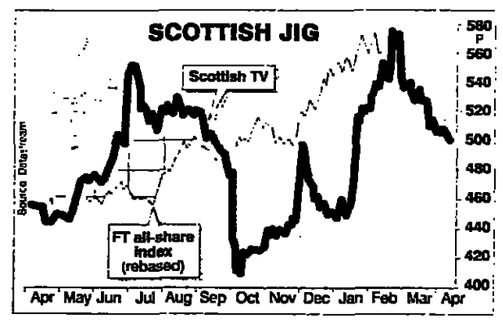
Tax increases which took effect this month will leave the food retailers fighting over a smaller cake, but Tesco is in a good position to grab a bigger slice. The company once made its name at the cheaper end of the market, an image which ill-fits its rival J Sainsbury. The latter has been reluctant to adjust to the new world and revealed a 1 per cent fall in sales in January. Earnings growth at Tesco may be thin this year but a yield of almost 5 per cent is still good value.

Scottish TV

GOODNESS knows, the days when Scottish TV was the toast of the media sector for its canny £2.000 bid to keep its franchise seem a way off. Gus Macdonald, its high-flying managing director, was indulging in some clever double-talk yesterday in suggesting that the abrupt share price dive was down to lessened bid hopes. But the stock market was more concerned with the real cost of the successful franchise win, in the form of a £6 million rise in broadcasting costs from the need to put out an extra 300 hours of local output, and with an apparent slackening in the pace of cost-cutting.

The profit and loss account was a predictable dog's dinner, given the changes in the industry and the Exchequer levy system, which make comparisons meaningless. But negative features were the unexpected £2 million gains taken into profits from asset sales and a change to depreciation policy, as well as a jump in operating costs of £13 million, only partly accounted for by a 50 per cent rise in programme production budgets.

Last year's share of revenue was hit by the incursions of Channel 4, while so far this year, Scottish TV has suffered from the continuing advertising strike by Unilever. The shares sell on 21 times' 1994 earnings: pricey, but worth holding on the assumption that bid wars hot up again once the rules on TV ownership are further relaxed later this year.



FR Group

THE market was generous in according FR Group a 25p price rise to 290p yesterday, after a year when net earnings fell 16.1 per cent.

But there is nothing quite like an increase in the dividend, combined with a particularly upbeat statement about order books, to keep investors faithful.

FR assured the market that the order book, which started 1993 at £235 million and ended the year at £300 million, continued to fatten in 1994. It further said that costs are coming down, and that productivity is going up.

Defence and civil aircraft operations have long been tough operational areas, and, for many a year, FR's net earnings have merely trod water. The 1993 outcome, however, with pre-tax profits down to £21 million from a restated £23.6 million, knocked net earnings from 21.74p to 18.23p a share — their lowest levels since the mid-1980s. Benefits from the £13 million acquisition of High Temperature Engineers should flow through as 1994 progresses.

If FR's order book continues to gather strength, and if this year's interim report can demonstrate that the slide in net earnings has been arrested, then the current 15.8 times rating based on historic earnings could prove justified. If not, then yesterday's 25p price jump will prove to have been overdone.

Property

THE very public troubles of Dr Jürgen Schneider AG expose serious cracks in what has been Europe's most resilient property market. Buoyed by low interest rates, relatively conservative planning and an absence of the gung-ho property speculator so well-known in the Anglo-American market, Germany looked only a year ago as if it might escape the sort of spectacular collapse that hit Britain and America and is now troubling French banks.

Traditionally, commercial real estate in Germany is owned by its occupiers and most of German industry still owns its factories, warehouses and office buildings, hiding massive property surpluses in their balance sheets by recording the value of their premises at original cost. Developers have been few; generally construction companies with finance secured on the basis of commitments from tenants.

But over the last five years, the Frankfurt banking establishment has been letting its hair down and has been lending vast sums to private entrepreneurs to fund speculative development, without, it seems, being provided with a complete balance sheet.

Much of this bears a resemblance to behaviour of banks in this country and North America towards the Reichmanns, owners of the collapsed Olympia & York, which developed Canary Wharf.

The Frankfurt office market is not quite at the depressed level of London two years ago, but statistics compiled from leading surveyors by the journal *Estates Europe* show rents falling 25 per cent since 1991. An equally sharp rise in yields suggests capital values may have fallen 40 per cent since 1990. Such a shakeout could expose more skeletons in the cupboards of respectable German banks.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Power of good for Venice

COULD Britain's nuclear industry save Venice from the waves? According to Professor James Cassels, who had the brainwave over the Easter holiday, this is the best business idea of the decade. Build a Sizewell B style nuclear plant mounted on a barrage behind the Lido, use it to provide heat and light for the Venice region, but switch its awesome power to turn a series of huge tidal pumps that can keep the sea at bay and pump out the Lagoon on the two or three occasions a year when the tides flood the city. Nuclear is best for the job, says Liverpool University's emeritus professor of physics, sometime author of *Basic Quantum Mechanics*, nuclear expert and buff of combined heat and power. It would also replace the existing land-based oil-driven power station and save Venice from the pollution that threatens its buildings every day of the year. Cassels has sent 50 copies of his proposal to everyone from the Prime Minister down, and hopes it may appeal to John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric, who is currently trying to sell his wares in Taiwan. Any takers?

Rebuilding

THREE months after star property analysts Marc Gilbard and Graham Stanley signed up with Goldman Sachs on salaries of £200,000 and £140,000 respectively, NatWest Securities, their former employer, is rebuilding the team. NatWest has grabbed David Church from UBS to cover specialist sales, working with Robert Kynoch and Robin White. Church is likely to be out of the market until the summer. In another City move, Salomon Brothers has hired Nicholas Lyons from JP Morgan to handle mergers and acquisitions work on behalf of banks and insurance companies.



Blue beard

HE lived in a secluded log-cabin in the Blue Ridge mountains. The windows of his jeep and garage were tinted black. He said he was a ghost writer for Tom Clancy, the novelist, and had worked for the CIA. The reality was somewhat different. Paul Fenwick, who wore a fuzzy beard and charmed neighbours in the community of East Ellijay, Georgia, was none other than Malcolm Cheek, former chief executive of Y&A — once one of the hottest stocks on Wall Street — who disappeared from a Manhattan hotel room three years ago, leaving the St Louis-based engineering consulting firm to crash with debts of $25 million. Cheek was arrested by FBI agents in Georgetown, South Carolina, after skipping his bolt hole at the same time that $125,000 in local funds disappeared. When arrested, he had shaved off his beard, was calling himself Raymond Taylor and was negotiating the purchase of a vacuum cleaner and sewing machine sales company.

THE latest research from Norwich Union says the average driver covers 9,700 miles a year. Of this, 4,365 miles (45 per cent) is for social, domestic and pleasure purposes, 3,492 miles (36 per cent) is commuting, and 1,843 miles (19 per cent) is on business. Handy info for breaking the ice at parties.

Fast track

CAPITA Group, the fast-growing provider of management services to the public sector, has hired Ian Smith from Mercury Asset Management (MAM) to run its corporate finance division. Smith, 35, a former Young Accountant of the Year, joins after just three months at MAM — a stay in keeping with his quick-footed image. A former director of Livingstone Fisher, the City corporate finance boutique, he is remembered north of the border for his skills as an athlete, ranked in the top five in Scotland for five years during the eighties, and running for Haringey British League Division One, where he partnered Sebastian Coe in 800 metre races. Coe, one may recall, was a director of Roger Levitt's financial services group, but Smith says he did not try and sell him any pension plans while they were pounding the track.

Room service

IBM has teamed up with Bob Payton, the American hotelier and restaurateur, to create an IBM-themed bedroom at his luxury country house hotel, Stapleford Park in Leicestershire. The room comes with a 24-hour IBM telephone helpline, and offers tutorials to those who want to learn the basics of computing.

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Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	185.30	195.70	+ 0.40	5.94
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Extra Income	52.78	55.48	+ 0.30	4.53
Far East Emg Eco	120.10	127.40	+ 2.40	0.52
Fixed Interest	24.58	26.24	...	7.00
Fund Inv Tst	184.10	195.60	+ 1.00	0.85
Japan	204.10	217.30	+ 0.10	...
Latin American	90.50	96.50	+ 0.70	0.64
Pacific	72.29	77.47	+ 1.16	0.34
Property Share	73.07	78.00	+ 0.67	1.67
UK Emerging Cos	68.65	73.29	+ 0.69	1.69
UK Growth	44.86	48.42	+ 0.43	2.41
World Growth	41.75	44.75	+ 0.15	0.66
Ethical	64.27	68.61	+ 0.57	2.55
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	51.89	51.89	+ 0.20	7.85

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Ravleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 650 336

UK Equity Income	98.49	101.58	+ 0.51	3.06
UK Equity Growth	86.07	91.56	+ 0.45	2.13
European	69.32	72.68	+ 0.03	0.73
North American	67.68	72.00	+ 0.54	0.97
Far Eastern	75.75	80.58	+ 0.62	0.40
Money	65.69	65.69	+ 0.01	3.93
Fixed Interest	71.34	75.89	+ 0.22	6.67
Index United Gilt	68.98	73.19	+ 0.18	1.14

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3233

British Growth	70.26	74.75	+ 0.58	2.55
British Income	79.23	84.29	+ 0.74	3.47
Select Portfolio	88.80	94.47	+ 0.56	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958

Amplty Income	78.92	81.61	+ 0.36	2.01
Income Builder Inc	69.07	73.48	+ 0.72	2.79

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 840 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	238.20	254.60†	....	2.97
Capital	427.50	456.90†	+ 2.50	1.48
Balanced	707.20	755.90	+ 3.90	2.40
Accumulator	£12.51	£13.37	+ 7.00	2.81
Income Trusts				
American Income	48.47	51.81	+ 0.19	3.61
High Income	416.80	445.50†	+ 1.70	5.38
Equity Income	238.10	254.50†	+ 1.50	3.43
High Yield	259.50	277.30	+ 1.70	3.39
Govt Securities	33.49	35.359	....	5.18
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	134.40	143.60†	+ 0.20	0.21
European Growth	35.95	38.24	+ 0.03	0.42
International	165.90	177.10	+ 0.40	0.22
Japan	331.90	347.30†	+ 3.50	0.01
Pacific	427.00	456.40	+ 0.80	0.17
Secs of America	417.50	444.20†	+ 0.70	0.53
Wwide Asset Val	49.51	52.89	+ 0.13	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	533.80	570.60	+ 4.10	2.02
Conv & Gilt	47.69	50.98	+ 0.35	4.04
Smaller Cos	180.00	192.40†	+ 1.10	0.89
2nd Smaller Cos	171.20	183.00†	+ 0.70	1.00
Recovery	146.80	156.90†	+ 1.20	1.53
Met Min & City	154.90	165.50	....	0.88
Dvsfd Earnings	365.80	391.00†	+ 1.50	1.78
Technology	157.30	168.10†	+ 0.90	0.01
UK Special Sits	463.10	495.00†	+ 2.50	1.58

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

Cntrnd Out Pens	97.99	101.80	....	1.45
Foundtn Pers Pens	61.33	63.71	....	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6787

Capital	72.18	76.79	+ 0.52	2.65
International	63.55	67.61	....	0.49

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

America	305.80	320.70	+ 0.20	...
Bond	116.30	122.30†	+ 0.60	6.36
Brit Smlr Cos	103.40	110.00	+ 0.40	0.91
Conv & Gen	64.59	68.93	+ 0.36	5.02
Energy	429.80	466.40	+ 0.50	0.22
Europe	524.90	558.10	+ 0.60	0.45
Euro Smlr Cos	107.50	113.90	+ 0.20	0.82
Income Gwth	355.10	379.50†	+ 1.10	3.99
Japan	345.70	367.80	+ 2.50	...
Pacific	113.70	121.00	+ 1.30	0.66
UK Smlr Cos	51.98	55.30	+ 0.20	0.78
Japan Fd	809.70	833.50	+ 6.40	...
Mngd Fd	174.70	185.80†	+ 1.30	2.66

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

Brit & Overs	208.60	303.80	....	1.21
Capital Gwth	117.30	123.50	+ 0.60	2.15
Wwide Oppo	184.40	194.12	+ 0.10	0.46

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

Balanced Trusts				
Bnd Inv Fd Inc	354.30	368.90	+ 5.20	2.38
European Bd Inc	98.10	99.59	+ 0.41	7.05
Europa	77.05	82.14	+ 0.40	1.88
Financial	73.94	79.08	+ 0.54	2.30
500 00	467.10	499.50†	+ 2.90	2.08
General	272.70	291.70†	+ 3.00	2.39
Property	268.20	286.50	....	5.51
Trustee	186.80	199.80	+ 2.10	1.99
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10†	....	4.01
Extra Income	118.40	126.60†	+ 0.90	3.89
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.91	60.77†	+ 0.28	7.76
Income	543.70	581.50	+ 5.30	3.75
Income Builder	66.54	69.72†	+ 0.53	4.43
Intl Income	67.83	72.16	+ 0.69	2.98
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	116.30	124.10	+ 1.30	2.37
Leisure	124.40	133.10	+ 1.30	0.78
Recovery	424.70	454.20	+ 4.90	2.28
Smlr Cos Inc	43.40	46.42	+ 0.30	1.73
Special Sits	286.90	306.80	+ 3.70	1.44
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	131.70	140.80	+ 0.20	0.14
Aust Acc	299.00	286.10	+ 5.40	1.38
Aust Inc	168.20	179.10	+ 3.20	1.38
Euro Gwth Inc	169.90	158.80	+ 1.20	0.31
Japan & Gen Inc	195.80	207.30†	+ 2.00	.
Japan Spec Sits	89.78	95.11	+ 1.02	...
Pac Tech Inc	79.50	84.48	+ 0.85	0.32
Worldwide	179.80	190.90	+ 2.00	0.25

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 15a, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9000

American Growth	99.97	106.00	+ 0.60	...
Amer Smlr Cos	134.70	141.40	+ 0.20	...
Cash Trust	93.80	50.80	....	4.50
Convertibles	60.46	64.68†	+ 0.14	5.60
Eastern	278.50	300.30	+ 7.80	0.10
Equity Income	90.48	96.25	+ 0.42	4.80
European Growth	300.40	319.10	+ 0.50	1.00
Europe	221.30	235.40	+ 0.35	1.00
German Growth	71.47	76.09	+ 0.51	0.70
Global Bond	99.97	101.97	+ 0.11	5.30
Global Growth	130.10	138.40	+ 1.00	...
Japan Growth	219.10	235.10	+ 1.40	...
Japan Sunrise	197.30	211.20	+ 0.40	...
Korea Trust	74.75	82.99	+ 0.12	...
Portfolio	135.00	144.10	+ 0.80	1.60
UK Growth	94.29	100.30	+ 0.60	2.40
UK Smaller Cos	95.75	102.40	+ 0.50	1.66
Select Managers	75.40	80.81†	+ 0.60	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
20-24 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

Intl Gwth Port Inc	81.64	86.85	+ 0.17	...
Special Opport Inc	96.33	99.93	+ 0.11	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

5 Special Sits	180.50	193.00	+ 1.00	0.64
Dividend	82.58	88.32	+ 0.85	3.75
Int Gth & Inc	121.10	129.50	+ 0.50	2.47
UK & Gen	45.22	48.36†	+ 0.47	1.51
Fund of Funds	66.78	71.42†	+ 0.40	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 225 6020

Balanced Growth	108.37	114.68†	+ 1.19	1.83
Smaller Cos	106.08	112.25	+ 0.84	0.69
Higher Yield	67.69†	67.69†	+ 0.52	2.91
American Gth Inc	77.43	81.93	+ 0.55	...
European Growth	140.37	148.54†	+ 0.54	...
Global Bond Inc	99.01	30.75	+ 0.14	5.60
Mngd Profile Inc	84.38	46.99†	+ 0.28	1.08
Int Spec Opps	122.97	130.12	+ 0.82	0.15
Pacific Gwth	136.72	144.64	+ 2.18	..
Formerly LAS				
European	95.83	101.40	+ 0.60	0.39
Extra Income	55.60	57.69	+ 0.39	3.16
Far East	332.57	344.99	+ 0.63	0.26
Income & Growth	78.48	83.05	+ 1.30	3.54
Intl Growth	59.79	63.27	+ 0.57	0.25
Japan	69.91	73.98	+ 0.50	...
Maximum Dist	98.94	100.90	+ 0.30	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.25	44.73	+ 0.22	0.11
Uk Equity	93.26	98.69	+ 1.38	2.14

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7236

Short Dated Gilt	64.65	65.49†	+ 0.07	5.60

C1S UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 185, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 9060

Environ	154.30	164.20	+ 0.90	1.40
UK Gtowth	167.60	178.30	+ 2.20	1.80
UK Income	134.60	143.20†	+ 1.50	4.07

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

Can Gen Dist	187.10	196.30	+ 1.60	1.83
-do- Income Dist	111.30	118.00	+ 0.90	4.53
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.57	44.06	+ 0.22	6.17

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fenchurch Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Emg: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

American & Gen	147.30	156.80†	+ 1.00	...
European Inc	91.52	96.46	+ 0.12	0.34
Smaller Cos [4-1]	82.51	87.78†	+ 0.19	1.36
Growth	431.20	461.20†	+ 3.40	2.09
Income & Growth	415.90	442.50	+ 6.80	3.66
Japan & Gen	78.69	83.66†	+ 0.39	...
Master Portfolio	£106.7	£110.0†	+£1.00	1.28
Special Sits	98.50	104.80	+ 0.10	2.10
High Yield	£13.52	£13.94	+£0.00	4.07

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealings: 0800 833 564

American Gwth Tst	36.65	39.17	+ 0.22	0.22
Cash Income	50.75	50.75	....	4.93
European Gwth	40.99	43.64	+ 0.06	0.35
Income & Gwth Inc	28.14	30.09†	+ 0.20	4.11
Intnl Gwth	31.99	34.31	+ 0.24	0.54
Japan Gwth	29.58	31.63	+ 0.14	...
Managed Tst Inc	49.39	52.82	+ 0.31	1.52
Oriental Opps Inc	148.80	159.10	+ 4.30	...
Property Shares	44.38	47.46	+ 0.35	0.58
Smaller Cos	31.94	34.16	+ 0.26	1.55
UK Gtowth Tst	26.09	27.90	+ 0.25	2.13
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.91	77.97	+ 0.44	1.65
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.19	71.86	+ 0.73	2.36
Exempt	23.59	24.30	....	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.76	28.61	+ 0.01	0.37
European Acc	27.75	29.67	+ 0.01	0.37
Financial	150.80	161.20†	+ 1.20	1.73
Foundation	91.89	98.25†	+ 0.47	2.24
German	51.37	54.93	+ 0.53	...
High Income	76.72	82.05†	+ 0.63	4.91
Income	134.70	144.00†	+ 0.80	3.74
Intl Growth	39.11	41.82	+ 0.16	...
Mngd Ptflo Inc	106.50	113.80	+ 1.20	1.43
Mngd Ptflo Acc	203.40	217.50	+ 2.30	1.43
Monthly Income	85.41	91.34†	+ 0.47	3.78
North American	102.40	109.50	+ 1.10	...
Orient	153.40	164.00†	+ 1.40	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
5 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0783

Cazenove Portfolio	82.15	87.76	+ 0.38	2.23
American Portfolio	88.94	94.80	+ 0.05	1.03
European Portfolio	97.49	103.97†	+ 0.05	0.95
Japanese Portfolio	74.96	79.72	+ 0.22	1.41
Pacific Portfolio	144.59	153.48	+ 3.17	0.77
UK Inc & Growth	73.80	79.09†	+ 0.56	3.73
Utility & Bond	54.67	58.33	+ 0.33	6.44

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000
UK General Tst | 64.55 | 68.66 | + 0.59 | 2.92

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7867

Intl Growth	139.27	150.52	....	...
UK Growth	....	....	....	...
UK Income	112.61	121.80	....	3.85

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Beckman Intl	89.29	88.03	....	1.89
Beck Bio-Tech	35.45	37.71	....	...
Accum Ethical Tst	160.37	168.81	....	1.25
City Fin Assets	72.89	76.73†	....	1.64
City Fin America	81.06	85.33	....	...
City Fin Intl	76.14	80.15	....	0.49
City Fin Japan	181.58	191.14	....	...
Friars Hse Cap	276.07	292.14	....	2.28
Friars Hse Inc	202.74	215.68	....	4.87
Buckley Wrld Grth	134.04	142.60†	....	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	142.47	149.97	....	...
-do- Inc & Gth	115.84	121.94	....	1.62
Fairmount Int	158.34	166.67	....	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	58.07	61.78	....	2.69

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 452 144
Emerging Markets | 54.56 | 57.89 | + 0.05 | ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	58.86	62.95	+ 0.26	...
Atlas Managd Gwth	38.10	40.97	+ 0.25	0.16
Dragon Gwth	70.97	75.90	+ 1.75	0.54
Equity High Inc	82.94	88.23†	+ 0.77	3.62
European Gwth	51.09	54.35	....	0.69
Evergreen	31.09	33.35	+ 0.22	...
General Equity	84.67	89.84	+ 0.99	2.25
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.34	26.64†	+ 0.08	7.81
Japan Gwth	54.87	59.19	+ 0.27	...
Pedigree Gwth	51.35	54.39	+ 0.45	3.18
Ped Sm Cos Inc	33.09	35.20	+ 0.16	0.64
Retirement Inc	25.95	27.90	+ 0.21	5.31
Special Sits	38.92	41.63	+ 0.26	1.59
UK & Overseas	49.09	52.22	+ 0.41	1.04

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Charlemont Martlesw, Kent ME14 4YY
0634 898 000

Capital	65.09	69.61	+ 0.35	2.35
Income	60.34	64.53	+ 0.60	3.83

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9855
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	163.03	173.44†	+ 1.07	5.10
Fixed & Convertible	42.42	45.13†	+ 0.18	5.66
Monthly Inc Plus	51.31	54.59†	+ 0.22	8.21
Preference Share	48.84	51.96†	+ 0.07	7.12
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	131.97	140.39†	+ 0.33	6.79
Managed Fund	69.06	73.47†	+ 0.54	2.34
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.58	45.30†	+ 0.34	1.87
UK & General	78.23	83.22†	+ 0.89	2.60
UK Growth	137.25	146.01†	+ 1.73	1.61
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	198.85	211.54†	+ 0.23	...
Far Eastern Gth	137.82	146.51†	+ 2.10	0.29
Global Bond	83.78	89.08†	+ 0.45	5.96
Japan Growth	132.48	140.94†	+ 0.66	...
North Amer Gwth	160.15	170.37†	+ 1.62	...
Oriental Growth	81.49	86.69†	+ 0.32	...
Worldwide Growth	69.10	71.27†	+ 0.41	0.34
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.53	91.53†	....	4.43
Homemaker Fund	76.88	81.79	+ 0.67	1.85
Quilter Fund	133.44	141.96	+ 1.30	2.41

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 540

Growth Inc	58.52	62.25	+ 0.45	2.70
High Income	33.74	35.89†	+ 0.24	4.30
Japan	38.35	40.79	+ 0.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	32.35	34.41	+ 0.12	2.20
Smaller Cos	30.57	35.81	+ 0.13	2.20
North American	32.75	34.84	+ 0.33	0.40
European	36.47	40.92	+ 0.15	0.40

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
7 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Consistent UT	31.35	33.60	....	3.21

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

Growth	146.10	155.50	+ 0.80	1.77
Income	74.68	79.67	+ 0.72	4.29
European	52.87	56.45	+ 0.32	0.60
Recovery	140.40	149.40†	+ 0.80	1.33

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
79-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3PJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist | 798.80 | 812.20 | .... | 3.91

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Ravleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 650 370

Fellowship Tst	71.91	76.51	+ 0.80	1.34
Income	240.60	256.00	+ 2.30	4.30
Smaller Cos	152.00	161.80	+ 1.30	1.26
Inv Portfolio	78.82	83.00	+ 0.74	1.44
High Income Port	68.00	72.35	+ 0.80	4.73

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 638 8777

Euro Small Cos	£15.66	£16.01	....	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.66	£13.92	....	...
UK Small Cos	£18.01	£18.82	....	...
US Small Cos	£16.51	£16.97	....	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8919

Disc Inc	192.10	202.20	....	2.72

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Rawdon Terrace, Edinburgh 031 556 9101

European Gwth	376.90	392.90	+ 1.80	1.02
New Asia	219.00	226.50	+ 3.90	...
Japan Growth	136.10	144.90	+ 0.30	...
Exp Smaller Co	173.20	183.90†	+ 0.70	...
Nth Amer	251.40	266.80	+ 2.40	0.91
Shifrd Asia Pac Mt	123.00	130.70	+ 3.40	...
UK Inc & Gth	218.60	233.30†	+ 2.30	3.06

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 571 555

UK Balanced Inc	140.90	149.90	+ 1.30	1.79
UK High Inc Inc	156.20	166.70	+ 1.10	4.78
UK Pref & Fl Inc	60.24	63.86	+ 0.63	4.91
Envrnmntl Opps	83.14	88.45†	+ 0.47	1.39

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

American	122.20	129.80	+ 0.20	0.15
Commodities	23.49	24.96†	+ 0.10	0.61
Equity Income	132.00	140.30†	+ 1.00	3.56
EuroFund	46.58	49.26	+ 0.03	0.81
Financial	49.80	51.85	+ 0.27	1.54
Growth & Inc	234.00	248.60	+ 2.20	3.02
High Dist	162.10	172.20	+ 1.30	4.36
International	389.30	412.60	+ 2.70	0.24
Int Cap Inc	96.42	102.90†	+ 0.50	2.53
Latin American	45.01	47.82	+ 0.30	0.26
Pacific	83.68	88.12	+ 1.22	...
Preference Share	24.22	25.73†	+ 0.09	6.02
Tokyo	242.00	256.80	+ 2.60	...
UK Smaller Cos	237.40	252.20	+ 1.40	0.03

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 78538

Elcon Trust	213.60	228.10	....	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Endurance Fd	204.40	217.40	....	0.26

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 488

European	81.48	85.77	+ 0.23	1.64
Far Eastern	316.09	332.73	+ 1.20	1.38
High Income	136.34	143.52	+ 0.53	4.20
Intl Growth	120.68	127.03†	+ 0.27	1.18
North American	116.50	122.63	+ 0.14	0.99
Pelican	117.04	123.20†	+ 0.78	2.78
Smaller Cos	76.03	80.03	+ 0.22	1.95
Special Sits	91.95	96.79	+ 0.31	2.48
Tst of Inv Tsts	190.35	200.37	+ 1.41	1.67

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	216.89	228.83†	+ 0.85	1.09
Smaller Cos Acc	376.40	302.08†	+ 1.46	1.09
Recovery	57.30	59.69	+ 0.20	1.91

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced	110.65	117.69	+ 0.94	4.88
Capital Growth	81.64	87.55†	+ 1.59	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	48.80	48.54	+ 0.39	0.23
High Income	47.89	51.15†	+ 0.22	8.66
Warrant	60.77	66.09†	+ 0.46	...
Zero Preference	36.79	38.62	+ 0.04	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

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Equities boil over at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 11. Dealings end April 22. §Contango day April 25. Settlement day May 3. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
695	570	Wassall F	653 ↑		18.0	3.4	∞
483	390	Yorks Chem	424			2.4	20.1
312	258	Yule Catto	299	+34	8.2	2.6	∞
869	715	Zeneca	732 ↑	+5		4.7	14.7

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	463	Abbey Ntl	469 ↑	+2		3.7	15.8
314	241	Allied Irish	251 ↑	-2		5.0	∞
279½	220½	Aus New Z	238½	+4½		3.8	19.7
3281¼	2637½	BankAmerica	2825	+62½			
319	246	Bk of Ireland	263	+3		4.2	19.4
247	183	Bank Scotland	198		4.6	3.1	25.5
640	487	Barclays	527 ↑	-2		3.6	21.8
37	13½	Carlisle	31				
655	533	Cater Allen	542	+4	28.0	6.5	
180	138	Cattles	146		5.0	4.3	∞
2325	1547½	Chase Manh	2321½	+21½			
2912½	2362	Citicorp	2681½	-81½			
289	217	Close Bros	257	+11		4.1	13.4
£150	£130	Commerzbk	£141½	-2½		2.7	
£344½	£290	Deutsche Bk	£312½	-4½		1.9	
90	60	First Nat Fin	72	+2		2.6	
1509½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1468	-16½		0.4	
515	395	Gerrard Nat	405		21.5	6.6	10.8
1113	733	HSBC	805 ↑	+25	33.5	3.6	∞
1133	749	HSBC HK	819 ↑	+22	23.5	3.6	∞
473	352	Hambros	391	+8	14.3	4.6	18.1
443	413	Joseph (L)	418		16.7	5.0	
170	132	King Shaxson	138	+1	9.0	8.2	
693	474	Kleinwort Ben	475 ↑	-1		4.9	∞
660	540	Lloyds	560 ↑	-1		4.9	11.8
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	109	+1	3.4	3.9	18.3
620½	537½	Nat Aust Bk	571½	+2½		4.2	13.9
622	443	Nat West	486 ↑	+8		4.9	11
573	450	Provident	488 ↑	+6		4.1	15.5
70	59	Rea Bros	68 ↑			1.4	17.5
525	399	Rvl Bk Scot	412	+3		3.3	19.6
1460	1050	Schroders	1210 ↑	+5	16.5	1.7	∞
1437	1023	Stand Chart	1104 ↑	+30		2.7	10.8
291	210	TSB	225	+5		4.3	15.3
199	148	Union	150			2.5	∞
1012	728	Warburg SG	775	+11		3.2	11.3
£100½	9612½	Wells Fargo	£100½	+5½		2.7	
260	207	Westpac	223	+8		2.3	∞
390	310	Wintrust	350			3.4	31.3

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	550 ↑	+4		5.0	15.3
619	507	Bass	540	+2		4.6	14.4
298	257	Boddington	260 ↑	-1		3.9	13.2
459	389	Bulmer (HP)	403	-1		3.2	16.4
193	168	Burtonwd Brw	168		4.7	3.6	14.8
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	146	+1		3.0	20.3
66	56	Fosters Brewing	59	+2		4.9	69.2
493	423	Fuller Sm 'A'	435		7.5	2.2	18.3
566	427½	Grand Met	478	-3		3.4	20.8
511	429	Greenalls Grp	445	-1		3.5	15.1
584	490	Greene King	494			3.2	13.8
562	460	Guinness	462½	-9½		3.5	14.6
261	230	Hardy Hansn	252			4.2	13.5
160	135	Hemsurea	160			2.6	14.5
457	353	Highland Distl	403			2.1	20.0
3225	3125	Hou J	3150		42.0	1.7	20.5
161	127	Macallan-Glen	143 ↑			1.0	39.5
455	365	Marstn Thmp A	445			2.5	21.3
246	199	Mansfield	199			2.5	14.3
302	263	Mrstn Thmp	265	-2		2.6	14.8
595	548	Matthew Clark	553			4.1	31.7
250	125	Merrydown W	146	+1	7.0	6.0	13.0
545	491	Morland	491	-3		2.5	16.8
11	9½	Paramount	9½			2.0	17.1
267	209	Regent Inns	238			2.1	24.2
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1012½	-12½		2.7	16.7
591	510	Scot & New	534	-1		4.0	16.5
190	147	Taunton Cider	150		6.2	5.2	11.7
306	276	Vaux Group	301	+4		3.9	19.4
407½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	356 ↑	+4		2.0	23.5
617	511½	Whitbread	540	+1		4.2	13.0
599	493	Wolvrhmptn D	534	+11		2.9	15.0
530	483	Young 'A'	526		14.7	3.5	21.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	155	Abbey	175			1.4	28.7
27	19	Albrighton	21	-1		0.6	
200	148	Allen	179			3.5	40.3
164	118	Amec	137	+2		2.6	16.4
454	333	Ashtead	397	+3		1.5	26.5
165	115	Atwoods	118	+1		5.4	
363	309	BPB Ind	331	+11		2.9	30.6
127	93	Baggeridge Brk	119			3.3	35.8
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	38			2.3	∞
88	68	Barcom	76	-2		4.9	9.1
60	47	Bardon	49	+1	2.0	5.2	∞
292	214	Barratt Devs	248 ↑	-1		2.5	26.0
304	230	Bellway	247	+9		3.0	23.2
59	46	Bellwinch	50				
243	125	Berisford Intl	223				
573	470	Berkeley Gp	499	+21		1.6	26.9
172	118	Bew Bros	163			1.5	21.0
93	60	Blockleys	76		1.0	1.7	∞
391	315	Blue Circle	322	-3½		4.4	
355	277	Bolt (Henry)	325		6.0	2.3	18.2
117	89	Breedon PLC	89 ↑		4.6	6.5	∞
154	130	Br Dredging	140		5.2	4.6	31.1
98	73	Brit Fittings	86 ↑	+3	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	149	Bryant	157 ↑	+6		3.8	23.9
145½	111½	CALA	118 ↑			2.7	
409	348	CRH	368 ↑	+4		2.4	∞
70	31	Cakebread Rby	48				
42	27	Costain	33½				9.9
185	152	Countryside	153	+1		2.4	34.0
120	90½	Crest Nicholson	100 ↑	+1		1.2	
140	103	Cussins	125		3.0	3.0	∞
26½	19	Edmond Hldgs	25 ↑		0.3	1.5	∞
340	273	Epwin	328	+2		2.9	21.3
82	57	Erith	69	+3	1.0	1.8	∞
473	435	Eve Group	453			2.8	17.1
245	132	Freeman Gp	234			3.2	29.1
60	41	Galliford	41			3.0	
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	106		2.5	2.9	∞
1028	913	Gleeson (MJ)	973	-2		1.6	16.9
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	168	+3	2.9	2.2	∞
53	46	Hewetson	51			3.1	31.7
473	383	Heywd Wlm	411 ↑	-15		4.0	27.4
145	122	Higgs & Hill	139			2.3	
34	27	How Gp	31			4.5	
32	20	Howard Hldgs	23		0.5	2.7	
100	83	Ibstock Johnsen	87	-1	1.0	1.4	
25	16	Jarvis	23½				
428	305	Laing (J)	357 ↑	+6	9.0	3.2	∞
164	122	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	135 ↑	+1		5.4	
145	115	Ln Clydesdale	130			4.6	25.5
173	105	Lovell (YJ)	125	+2			
405	332	Manders	348 ↑	+3		3.6	18.3
213½	154	Marley	178 ↑	+4		2.9	24.3
155	128	Marshalls	133	+4		3.5	
253	196	Maunders (J)	233 ↑	+2		2.7	23.4
330	240	McAlpine (A)	270 ↑	+2		3.0	35.5
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	62 ↑	+2		1.0	
569	480	Meyer Intl	498	+10		2.5	49.9
185½	97½	Mowlem (J)	105 ↑			2.4	
252	150	NSM	249	+5			
48	36	Needler	36			5.0	16.8
196	166	Newman Tnks	167 ↑		6.2	4.6	∞
379½	283	Persimmon	289 ↑	+5		3.9	25.9
20	9	Phoenix Timber	16				
1800	1450	Pochins	1450		29.0	2.5	20.6
198	173	Prowting	178		3.4	2.4	
1079	916	RMC Gp	950	+6		2.6	35.7
116	84½	Raine Ind	98½			2.8	19.2
40	23	Ramus	30				
640	524	Redland	549 ↑	-2		5.7	33.1
86	70	Roskel	91 ↑		4.3	6.6	
371	268	Rugby Group	313 ↑	+8	6.7	2.7	∞
60	50	Sandell-Pyrie	56	+4	0.5	1.1	∞
189	155½	Sharpe & Fisher	158 ↑			3.3	∞
288	249	Sheffield Insl	266 ↑			2.5	21.4
270	233	Sherrill Hldgs	269			1.7	25.6
110	94	Shorrock	108		5.2	6.0	24.5
245	218	Smart (J)	218			4.9	16.4
5	2	Starmin	3½				
206	167½	Tarmac	183	+2	5.5	3.8	
257	192	Tay Homes	214 ↑	+2		3.5	23.0
183	138	Taylor Woodrw	169 ↑	+8	1.5	1.1	∞
760	620	Tilbury Dougls	703		33.0	6.1	∞
60	36	Torex Hire	52			1.4	
370	300	Travis Perkins	322 ↑	+9		3.1	26.1
29½	16	Trencherwood	24	+1			
43	27	Try Group	37			4.9	∞
28	21	Tudor	26		0.2	1.2	
113	90	Vibroplant	90		2.5	3.5	32.4
74	52	Ward Hldgs	67				
45	33	Waterbuilder	40				
545	450	Watts Blake	525	-10	12.0	2.9	∞
225½	192	Westbury	192		5.0	3.3	30.1
7	3½	Wiggins	5½				
571	495	Wilson Bowdn	534	+6	9.5	2.3	∞
259	188	Wilson (C)	196		4.1	2.7	∞
249	190	Wimpey G	204 ↑	+9		3.2	30.5
30	20	YJM	26	+1			

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	678	-2			
433	253	Adam & Harvey	433		13.0	3.5	7.9
93	63	Air London	78	-1	3.5	5.6	13.9
62	44	African Lakes	54		0.5	1.2	∞
149	92½	Auto Sec	121	-1		6.5	
152	120	BET Ord	132			3.3	49
177	115	BNB Res	165 ↑	-1	4.9	3.7	∞
259	164	BPP	190			3.4	12.8
196	152	BSM	168	+1		4.3	14.3
259	206	Barbour Index	205		9.1	5.0	14.0
1½	1	Black & Edge	1½				
23	17	Boustead	19	+1	0.7	4.6	
226	197	Brit Data Mgt	190 ↑	+6	4.9	3.2	13.9
71	22	Broadcastle	27 ↑		1.0	4.6	∞
76	59	Brooks Service	69			0.9	
121	98	CRT Gp	104 ↑			3.5	19.8
238	205	Capita Group	227 ↑	+2	2.5	1.4	∞
59	47	Carlisle Plc	49			2.3	14.3
38½	21½	Chiltern Capital	24				
85	63	Chrysalis	71				
423	361	Chubb Sec	367	+3		1.4	22.8
132	104	Comac	121			1.6	31.2
57	41	Corp Services	57	+4	0.2	0.6	∞
97	81	Coutts Cnslt	93				
179	142	Dart	153	-10	3.3	2.7	20.8
276	256	Davis Service	240			4.2	15.9
154	119	EW Facts	132 ↑	-2	4.7	4.5	∞
54	25	Gardine	27			3.6	11.4
334	292	Hays	292	-2		2.4	22.4
289	245	Hogg Robinsn	256	+1		3.3	18.7
29	32	Holmes Protectn	32				2.0
365½	255½	Huntn Whamp	304½	+9½		1.6	25.2
2696½	2066½	ISS B DKr	2416½	-29½		0.9	∞
609	503	Inchcape	544 ↑	-3		3.4	19.6
1035	864	Johnson Clean	978		22.0	2.5	∞
8	5½	Lep	6				
375	283	Mane Gr	355		4.6	1.4	24.5
1266½	1156½	Manpower	1221				
79½	65	Michael Page	77		2.1	3.5	∞
115	108	Pentas	109		8.0	9.2	4.1
5½	2½	Prime People	3½				
89½	69½	Proudfoot	70 ↑	-1		5.4	
415	335	RCO	395		15.2	4.9	13.0
110	97	REA	110		2.0	2.3	
125	104	Reed Executive	122				
131	103	Reliance Secs	110		4.5	5.1	28.9
279	225	Rentokil	250 ↑	-1	2.4	1.5	∞
368	295	Rolfe & Nolan	308			3.0	22.1
392	254	Salvesen (C)	259	-3		3.8	17.2
56	43	Scott Pickford	48		0.6	2	15.3
17½	9	Select Appt	13				
3.0	25½	Seton Gp	304	+1		1.4	∞
115	77	Sherwd Cmps	77			11.4	2.2
130	100	Stanley	115			3.3	24.3
238	225	Warner Howrd	225		6.6	2.5	17.5
25	21	Welpac	25				
30½	25½	Wills Gp	27			1.9	16.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
280	221	Allied Colloids	268	+6		2.0	24.7
1141	988	Amersham	1047	+6		1.7	30.1
3½	3	Anglo Utd	3½				
£131½	£106	BASF DM	£128½	-4½		2.5	
373	304	BTP	334	+3		3.6	26.2
£158½	£125½	Bayer DM	£155	-25½		2.4	
185	105	Blagden	126	+10	1.5	1.5	13.8
131	98	Brent Chems	122 ↑	+3		4.1	
495	346	Br Bio-Tech	490				
13	5½	Caird Gp	7½	-1½			30.1
198	153	Carclinic (W)	178	+1	7.2	5.2	∞
567	470	Courtaulds	526	-5		3.4	13.2
394	327½	Croda	361½	-2		2.9	17.6
133	109	Doeflex	126 ↑		4.6	4.6	∞
282	227	Ellis & Everard	239	+2		3.1	20.9
41½	35	Euro Colour	41		0.9	2.7	15.9
351	337	Halstead (J)	339 ↑	+2		2.5	15.8
217	174	Hickson	215 ↑	+1		4.1	∞
£137½	£108½	Hoechst	£134½	-17½		2.2	
215	157	Holliday Chem	202			2.5	∞
832	728	ICI	817 ↑	+6		4.2	49.0
843	722	Laporte	772 ↑	+8		3.3	21.1
348	190	Leigh	204			4.9	19.0
70	48	MTM	63				
2400	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2120½	+21½		1.5	∞
625	461	Paterson Zoch	554 ↑			2.9	14.6
595	416	-do- 'A'	524 ↑			3.0	13.9
250	215	Plysu	230			3.8	19.6
342	265	Porvair	340 ↑	+3		1.5	25.5
66	54	Sutcliffe Speak	60				
490	430	Wardle Storeys	430			5.1	18.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
50	44	Alexon	44				
248	203	Alldera	227	+1		3.4	16.9
410	339	Argos Plc	355 ↑	+6		2.8	∞
11½	6½	Ashley Group	6½			3.6	
102	72	Ashley (Laura)	81	-4	0.1	0.2	
357	305	Asprey	318	+3	5.2	2.1	20.5
199	177	Austin Reed	177			1.9	
168	145	Beattie (J) 'A'	146			5.2	14.7
193	110	Bentalls	130		1.9	1.9	
156	121	Betterware	131	+1		2.1	15.7
44	36	Blacks Leis	40		2.2	7.0	
261½	215	Body Shop	224	-1		1.0	26.9
12½	7½	Brown & Jackson	9½	+1½			
491	420	Brown (N)	466	+6		2.0	27.4
74½	51	Burton	57½	+1		4.3	
245	190	Cantors	193			2.6	26.9
520	390	Church	395 ↑		13.0	4.1	∞
171	149	Clinton Cards	154 ↑		4.7	3.8	∞
297	225½	Coats Viyella	244 ↑	+3		4.1	19.7
120	68	Colourvision	68		5.6	10.3	12.2
170	157	City Casuals	159			3.2	14.8
903	843	Courts Furnish	843		5.6	0.8	10.6
210	155	Crown Eyes	180		7.5	5.2	12.1
137	92½	Dairy Farm Intl	108½	-3		3.6	∞
114	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	114	+6	1.4	1.6	∞
257	200	Dixons Grp	204			3.9	
12	8	ERA Gp	10				
580	550	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		16.0	3.5	19.9
284	217	Essex Furn	247			1.9	39.5
266	217	Etam	228	+2	7.0	3.6	20.9
558	498	Fine Art Dev	499		13.0	3.3	16.2
50	46	Fired Earth Tiles	50				
715	680	Forminster	700		14.5	2.6	12.4
155	124	French Conna	130	-1			
73	66	Gent SB	66 ↑			4.3	20.5
114	95	Goldsmiths Gp	114			1.2	∞
693	554	GUS	623	+6		2.3	19.3
31	21	Hampden Grp	23	-1		5.4	
82	53	Hartstone	60	+1			
37½	26½	Helene Plc	28		2.0	9.0	13.2
110	86	Henlaaca	88				
91	69	Honeysuckle	68 ↑	-3		4.6	10.0
211	173	Jacques Vert	175	-3		3.5	13.4
778	544	Kingfisher	594	+6		3.2	∞
88	74	Leslie Wise Gp	76 ↑			6.6	10.0
565	525	Liberty	533		7.2	1.7	62.8
380	330	Lloyds Chem	353 ↑	-2		2.8	11.7
184	158	MFI	165	+3		2.4	75.0
460½	403½	Marks Spencer	421½	+2½		2.5	21.5
680	569	Menzies (John)	637	-4		2.2	16.6
298	238	Moss Bros	280		5.5	2.5	32.0
251	214	Next	236	+4½		3.0	13.4
65	39	Oliver (G)	64				64.0
335	255	Oriflame Intl	255			4.8	12.5
41	25	Pentos	32				
268	225	QS Hldgs	228		5.1	2.9	∞
62	33	Rhino Grp	39		0.5	1.6	∞
209	176	Ruseby's	183 ↑	+3	4.6	3.2	∞
180	130	Sherwood Gp	142	-1		2.6	∞
132	113	Sears	119½	+2		3.7	48.1
41½	23½	Signet Group	41½	-1			
549	494	Smith WH 'A'	523	-2		3.6	16.9
127	115	-do- B	121½			3.1	19.6
21	11	Specialeyes	14				
252	212	Storehouse	223	+3		2.8	22.0
196	146	T & S Stores	181 ↑		6.1	4.2	∞
173	135	Tie Rack	151		1.0	0.8	24.7
265	234	Time Products	237	-1	7.7	4.1	20.5
132	111	Usher (Frank)	117		6.0	6.4	12.7
465	384	Vendome	460	+3		1.7	21.4
44	34	Vivat	41 ↑	+1	1.2	3.8	∞
70	43½	WEW Group	43½	-2½		3.9	32.1
49	42	Wensum	42		1.8	5.6	
129	102	Wickes	109	-5		1.2	20.0
90	54	Wid of Leather	84				
195	175	Wyevale	178 ↑		4.4	3.1	∞
2½	2	Xtra-vision	2½				

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
197	137	ACT Group	164	-1		3.8	15.5
269	248	Acal	260 ↑			3.2	19.7
545	478	Admiral	545 ↑	+4		1.4	20.1
190	163	Alba	172 ↑			3.5	19.5
42	34	Alphameric	37	+1			
50	34	Amstrad	35 ↑	-2		1.9	
105	73	App Holo	95	-1			
39	27	Arlen	29				
94½	80	Astec	87½			1.1	∞
271	242½	Azlan	255			1.5	30.4
292	239	Beales Hunter	265			4.5	16.4
4½	2½	Bennett & Fount	2½				
478	393	BICC	427	-3		5.8	30.3
535	470	Bick	495	-1		2.6	18.3
1100	750	Borland	850				
340	326	Bowthorpe	332 ↑	+3		2.6	18.3
496	386½	BT	397	+5		5.1	19.2
367	269	BT P/P	270½	+1		5.1	19.8
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½		0.1	0.8	
79	58	Burnfield	67 ↑	-1		4.7	52.1
543	424	Cable Wireless	459½	+7½		2.1	24.0
38½	24	Chloride	33				
276	268	CML Micro	273	+2	4.7	2.2	19.8
182	105	Compur People	179		1.5	1.1	∞
202	159½	Cray Elect	176			1.2	17.1
447	415	Critchley	418			1.4	24.1
560	482	Delta	521 ↑	-5		3.5	23.2
613	446	Denmans Ele	613	+10		1.3	19.7
538	400	Domino	475	+1		2.1	20.4
77	71	Dowding Mills	74 ↑	+1		4.3	24.9
1636	1220	Druck	1368		10.3	0.9	28.1
589	506	Electrocmpnts	511	-1		2.1	28.9
197½	183	El Data Prc	185			1.2	15.8
175	133	Electron House	143			2.4	20.5
35	21	Emess	30 ↑	+1	0.1	0.4	∞
405	359½	Eurotherm	395 ↑			1.5	26.8
212	183	FKI	195			2.1	29.6
656	555	Farnell Elect	559			1.5	29.6
75	63	Feedback	64			3.9	8.7
336	296	First Tech	298	+2		0.8	24.8
262	215	Forward Gp	241		4.0	2.1	17.0
36	14½	Forward Tech	34			0.9	73.1
357½	288	GEC	319½	+3½	10.4	4.1	16.0
191	159	Graseby	160 ↑			5.2	∞
14½	11	Graystone	13½			0.9	
48	39	Hildare	43		0.5	1.5	
193	149	Ind Control	156 ↑			3.7	13.9
388	333	Jones Stroud	333			3.4	13.4
141	99	Kalamazoo	119		2.7	2.8	27.6
14	9½	Kembrey	10		0.1	1.9	
396	349	Kenwood App	365			2.7	20.5
299	221	Kewill Sys	248	+1			
165	120	Kode	120 ↑			6.2	17.2
35	19	Laser-Scan	22				
148	95	LBMS	97		0.7	1.0	13.7
300	255	Lee Refrig	263		9.0	4.4	
171	126	Life Sciences	133 ↑	+1		3.7	14.0
314	270	Logica	287 ↑	+1		1.8	33.1
52	47	LPA Ind	50	+2		6.1	
216	189	MR Data Mngmt	200 ↑			3.5	22.3
723	643	Macro 4	645 ↑			3.8	19.4
281	210	Memec-Swa	214	+1		2.3	18.6
1138	918	Micro Focus	930	-10			8.9
174	145	Microgen	147			6.2	14.9
39½	31	Microtec	33½				
550	499	Misys	501			1.9	18.3
494	272	Mitel	280	-16			
178	143	MMT Comp	171			2.9	23.3
37	22	Molynx	24		1.3	6.8	
299	250	MTL Instr	299 ↑	+13		1.7	19.3
141	141	Mullione Elect	141 ↑	+13	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	128	Murray Ent	136	+1		1.8	
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2321	+21½			
129	84	Neotronics	92			3.4	16.9
95	55	Newmark (L)	55				
371	279	Norbain	340	-7		0.6	26.2
65	47	Northamber	55	+1	0.6	1.4	
9½	7	Oceonics	7½				
358	296	Oxford Inst	298		4.6	1.9	20.5
87	62	P & P	72 ↑			3.6	17.3
98	77	Peek	94			5.2	14.0
235	195	Pegasus	195			3.3	21.1
£104½	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£100			5.8	
1950	1400	-do- Lmp m	1937½	-6½		0.9	9.1
440	130	Phonelink	337	+4			
340	291	Pifco	324 ↑	+1		1.6	28.0
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	324 ↑	+2		1.7	22.2
90	70	Plasmec	90		3.0	4.3	∞
121	100	Pressac	111 ↑	+1		2.9	23.5
261	181	Psion	256 ↑	+9	2.8	1.4	∞
240	197	Racal Elect	228	+3	4.2	2.3	13.6
50	35	Radamec	40			4.7	9.6
39	25	Radius	31		0.4	1.9	∞
118	73	Real Time	96			3.9	19.7
577	507	Sage Gp	548	+17		2.7	16.8
391	310	Sanderson Elec	321	+1	9.9	3.9	17.7
60	72	Scantronic	75			5.3	20.5
212	162	Scholes Grp	191 ↑			3.3	19.8
405	310	Sema Gp	394			1.0	21.6
270	250	Sercomm	265 ↑		6.4	3.1	∞
49	41	Silvermines	42			3.0	
94	67	Soundtracks	76 ↑			3.9	10.1
3129½	2265½	TDK	3066½	-50		1.0	34.9
19	11	TDS Circuits	12½				
150	125	Telemetrix	126 ↑		1.0	1.0	∞
292	191	Telspec	265			1.2	21.2
1154	979	THORN EMI	1144	+15		3.5	26.5
196	133	Thorpe FW	186 ↑	+1		1.9	16.6
43	24	Total Systems	35		1.5	5.4	6.2
303	230	Tunstall	280	-2		1.6	20.0
324	256	Unitech	321	+2		2.4	34.0
16	12	Verit	12				
27	22	Vistec	25½		0.2	1.6	16.8
637	512	Vodafone	536	-1		1.5	23.3
433	444	Volex	463		19.1	3.4	19.9
26	21	Western Selectn	26		0.2	1.2	
335	265	Wholesale Ftgs	324		11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	574	East Midlands	602	-3		4.5	10.7
725½	612½	Eastern Elect	643	-5		3.9	12.2
477	332	Hydro-Elect	374	-5		3.3	12.1
737½	565	London Elec	607	-2		4.4	11.4
850	697	Manweb	730	-1		3.9	9.9
707	600	Midlands Elec	623	-4		4.2	9.0
505	416	National Powr	459	-6		3.2	10.8
801	637	Northern Elec	665	-6		4.2	9.7
301	245	Nthn Ireland	260			3.3	12.5
826	622	Norweb	665	-7	20.3	3.9	9.5
582	490	PowerGen	499	-4		2.6	13.0
486	379	Scottish Power	394	-4		3.7	14.6
438	317	Seeboard	370	-9		3.5	11.3
825	667	Sth Wales	683	-5		4.2	10.5
743	619	Sth Western	640	-2		4.1	9.4
745½	615	Southern Elec	629	-5		4.4	8.3
729	596	Yorkshire Elec	627	-2		4.3	11.9

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	56		1.0	2.2	11.9
166	113	BWD	119 ↑		4.0	4.2	8.4
1.9	96	Baltic Plc	98 ↑			1.9	10.9
215	198	Bluntor Dm	199	-2			
727	621	Caledonia	670	+6		2.4	25.2
2500	1900	Carnellia	2350½			1.6	8.9
293	316	Candover	320 ↑			4.3	
465	367	Govett	435			4.7	8.2
259	185	Ivory Sime	217			4.0	18.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	263	Johnson Fry	290	+15			
245	166	Lon Forfaiting	191 ↑	-1		6.1	11.9
97	77	Manakin	77				
29½	9½	Nat Home Loan	26	+½			0.3
53	33	Newmarket	37				
365	306	Rathbone Brs	309	-1	7.5	3.1	∞
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	+1		4.1	∞
400	310	S & U	348	+1	10.2	3.7	12.9
114	85	Singer & Fried	93	+1		4.1	11.7
1260	1063	Sotheby's	1175			1.4	
195	131	SIP Capital	155	+2	3.0	2.4	63.9
224	203	Town Lan	212			2.7	20.8
2300	1850½	Amer Express	2066½	+19½			
229	184	Garmore	195	+2		2.6	22.5
1208	980	Henderson Ad	963			5.5	22.2
251½	164	Imeseo	192	+4		2.4	19.1
317	214½	Jardine Strat	267½	-12½		3.2	∞
323	260	MAI	282 ↑	-5		3.1	15.4
770	566	MAM	598	-1	16.0	3.3	14.9
1243	930	M & G	933	+3		3.3	19.5
446	368	Smith New Ct	369			2.4	3.6
65	37	Tric Hldgs	40			7.8	12.9

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	541	AB Food	600	-7		3.1	12.4
66	54½	ASDA Group	57½		1.6	3.6	
368	319	Acatos & Hutch	321			3.1	11.8
75	57	Albert Fisher	61	-2		7.7	13.5
304½	260	Argyll	251	-1		5.1	9.0
270	220	Banks (S C)	253		9.0	4.4	4.6
356	305	Barr (AG)	317			2.6	23.4
72	56	Bensons Crps	58 ↑		2.9	6.1	∞
481	409	Booker	472 ↑	-2		6.6	∞
56½	48	Borthwick	53			2.6	65.8
505	462	Brake Bros	462		6.5	1.9	∞
43	32	Burgen	34			4.8	10.3
545	462	Cadbury-Sch	473 ↑	+6		3.8	16.1
232	143	Carrs Milling	187			2.0	13.6
167	135	Cranswick	140	+2		2.1	17.2
17	13	Cullens	13		0.5	4.8	32.3
154	90	Dalepak	104	+4		6.0	30.5
543	440	Dalgety	455 ↑	+6		5.7	13.3
87	50	Daniels S	77 ↑			0.5	∞
294	244½	Devro	249 ↑			2.8	∞
101	60	Everest	69 ↑	+1		6.7	15.1
393	258	Farepak	271		5.9	1.9	24.1
8½	6	Farmingford	6				
85	70	Finlay (James)	76			6.8	25.2
105	94	Fyffes	100	+5		1.8	17.1
371	230	Geest	235	-2	8.1	4.4	∞
20½	14	Global	15½		0.5	4.1	∞
68	46	Grand Central	47		0.6	2.1	
194	138	Hazlewood Fds	138	-3		5.9	7.8
196½	159	Hillsdown	177	-2		6.5	12.1
211	147	Iceland Group	162 ↑			2.9	10.3
111	100	JLI Group	106			5.5	11.7
656	590	Kwik Save	601	-12		3.6	10.6
195	145	Low (Wm)	146	-1		7.2	5.1
113	95	Manners (B)	97 ↑			3.2	15.5
18	11½	Merchant Retail	12½		0.9	9.5	25.6
129	99	Morrison (W)	125 ↑	-2		1.0	∞
246	226	Nichols (JN)	229 ↑			2.2	15.2
271½	206½	Nthn Foods	225	-1		4.7	11.0
13	9	Nthn Ireland Fna	12				
232	180	Nurdin Peack	209			3.7	11.6
123	99½	Park Foods	123	+5		2.2	28.4
81	64	Perkins Food	69 ↑			8.1	∞
141	111	PizzaExpress	123 ↑	+1		0.5	26.0
5½	3½	Regina Hldg	3½				
480	342	Sainsbury J	375	+9		3.4	13.1
95	73	Sentry Farms	89 ↑		2.2	3.2	∞
122	93	Sims Food	103			7.9	19.8
467½	395	Tate & Lyle	444	-4		3.7	11.9
254	210	Tesco	218	+3		4.6	9.7
194	162	Thorntons	164 ↑			2.6	
229	145	Treats	215 ↑	-2		2.3	17.5
434½	346	Unigate	391	-2		5.2	12.8
388	324	Utd Biscuits	345 ↑	-3		5.5	15.7
21	18	Usborne	19½			3.4	14.4
422	270	Watson & Phil	366			4.9	15.4
49	34	West Trust	39			8.7	

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abtrin Sth H	34				
94	79	City Centre Rest	93		1.7	2.7	∞
285	235½	Forte	239	+3		3.9	18.8
207	174	Friendly Hotels	180	-4	5.7	4.0	∞
168½	144½	Jurys Hotel	144½			4.4	11.7
217½	162½	Ladbroke	188½	-1½		4.0	52.3
109½	83	Mandarin Orntl	96	+1½		3.5	∞
31	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	23			5.4	
1130	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1125		7.0	0.8	
89½	60½	Stakis	85½	+3		1.5	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	46	-2		23.9	2.8
544	479	AAH	447	-4		4.9	14.9
195	140	ADM	172 ↑			5.5	21.1
138	116½	APV	126½			5.3	∞
195	157	ASW	195 ↑	+3		3.6	∞
232	172	Adwest	186 ↑			4.9	20.0
20½	16½	Aerospace Eng	17			5.5	
312	261	Airsprung	264	+1		2.2	16.9
216	192	Alenda W	216	+1	5.6	3.3	∞
12	7½	Allied Radio	10½				
330	283	Alumasc	312 ↑			2.4	17.4
72½	39	Alvis	68			1.8	12.3
745	705	Amber Ind	705			3.4	16.1
68	45	Amberley Gp	46		1.0	2.7	
81	72	Anagen	74				
95	66	Andrews Sykes	90	-2		4.2	
1795	998	Antofagasta	1320	-15		1.6	∞
62	48	Armour	53½			3.9	12.5
175	168	Ash & Lacy	171 ↑		6.4	4.7	∞
6	3½	Ast Br Eng	4½			1.3	62.1
625	474	Avon Rubber	567	-1		3.5	20.7
300	265	Assoc Nursg	288			0.4	17.7
553	490	Atlas Equip	538		22.0	5.3	∞
95	66	Ayrshire Metal	90	+2	7.5	2.4	∞
224	192	BBA	220 ↑	+6		4.3	
145	115	BLP Group	145 ↑		1.0	0.9	∞
44	29½	BM Gp	39½	+½			
745	627	BOC	701	-12		4.1	27.6
86½	62	BSG	70½		3.2	5.7	∞
578	532	BSS Group	554			4.0	29.5
399	341	BTR	393 ↑	+1		4.0	20.2
176	148	BWT	166			3.0	15.6
45½	29½	Babcock	33½	+½		4.1	19.8
11	7½	Bailey (CH)	7½				
270	228	Baird (Wm)	231	-2	8.9	4.9	∞
487½	368½	Barlow	375	-6		8.7	6.6
91	64	Baynes (Charles)	74 ↑	-1½		2.8	20.2
25½	19½	Bearing Power	20½			4.6	17.0
45	23	Beaufort	29				
35	23	Bedford (W)	24				
18½	13	Benson Group	15			3.9	9.6
393	300	Bespak	318	+5	10.2	4.0	9.9
91	66	Bibby (J)	74	+1		3.4	
226	200	Billam (J)	212 ↑		5.3	3.1	∞
32	26	Binsted Barnes	25				
10	7	Birkin Ind	6½				
303	243	Black	271			3.7	14.1
44	30	Black Arrow	39			2.1	12.2
263	246	Black (Peter)	248 ↑			3.6	19.4
863	543	Bluebird Toys	745	-17	19.0	2.7	∞
327	282	Bodycote	309			2.4	19.8
40	33	Bortol 'A'	36		0.7	2.4	15.4
601	507	Boots	537	-2		3.2	21.2
60	43	Booth Inds	44				
584	433	Bowater	448				
1643½	1425	Bowater Inc	1425	-17½		3.5	17.0
296	257	Bowthorpe	275	-1	4.0	1.8	∞
20	15	Braeway	15			3.9	
333	258	Brammer	321 ↑	+5	12.0	5.1	∞
31	22	Bridgend Gp	23		0.4		
163	122	Brigam	131			3.5	∞
82	74	Bridport-Gndry	77 ↑	-2		3.7	
67	45½	Brit Vita Inv	51	-1		6.0	12.6
255	190	Br Bide & Eng	220			4.5	16.6
124	94	Br Bloodstock	95				
515	435	Br Polythene	440	-1	1.5	3.3	∞
149½	121½	Br Steel	135	+3		1.2	
176	120	Br Thorn	170			5.2	12.4
276	244	Br Vita	257			3.1	24.9
15½	13½	Britton Grp	15	+1½		1.5	
94½	77	Broad	81	-1			37.8
125	90	Bromsgrove Ind	110	+3		7.0	14.3
14½	9½	Brook Tool	10				
71	40	Brown & Tawse	55				
196	154	Bullough	155			4.9	67.5
16	11	Burgess Tanks	13				
16	14	CI Group	15	+2	0.5	4.5	15.4
54	26	Campbell & Arm	44				
19	20	Caparo Sl	21				
459	401	Carclo Pharms	432	+4			
273	256	Cape	257			4.5	16.5
253	237	Caradon	251			3.2	16.5
215½	170½	-do- Pf	173		7.2	5.3	
25½	22	Carcase Eng	22			4.5	16.0
10	6	Cars Eng	6½				
2446½	2144	Carnaud Mt	2431	+12½		2.2	∞
104	92	Cassidy Grove	99			3.4	21.1
25½	201	Castings	230		4.5	2.3	17.4
49	42	Catear Inn	48				
27	213	Ceusch	25				
195	170	Chamberlin H	175		6.7	4.5	10.3
412	375	Charter	394	-3		3.6	11.7
360	95	Chemring	96			3.8	15.0
67	48	Christian Ops	55			8.7	16.5
42	32	Chillington	36			3.6	∞
246	227	Christies Int	232	+1	3.0		
4½	4½	Carlisle	4½				
150	55	Clifton Sport	79				
495	462	Cohen A	465		1.4	6.0	
277	242	Compaq 31	255			3.7	15.5
343	271	Concentric	304			3.4	15.1
710	476	Cook (Wm)	638		4.0	2.2	19.5
285	227	Cookson	239			3.0	∞
100	31	Copyright Prom	41		4.9	5.6	∞
167	147	Cornell Tar	157			4.4	22.1
57	109	Coral	135			5.2	
285	247	Cranleigh	277		7.4	3.5	14.3
54	37	Crestacare	45		0.7	2.3	∞
4125	3625½	Cyba	3725				
309	284	Dagna Brady	304	+2		5.5	31.0
291	244	Daily Rvath	264			2.2	17.6
1623	1437	De La Rue	1551			2.5	22.6
4	2½	Delta Hwr	3	+1		3.8	∞
623	549	Diploma	576			2.2	22.6
47	74	Dobson Park	76			6.5	16.9
134	105	Domino Prtg	114		5.0	5.9	19.5
97	78	Dowding	86		1.0	8.0	14.5
17	16	ERG	16				
442	373	ETS	421			3.5	17.2

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25	15	Eidel	24				
53	45	Eleco	46				
3534½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3340½	-40½		1.5	∞
91	69	Elliott (B)	80				
544	458	Eng China Cl	497 ↑	+12		5.0	29.0
146	125	Environmed	134	-3			
3190½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3015½	+100		1.3	∞
85	60	Europay	60			3.5	17.7
86	60	Expamet	52 ↑			3.8	58.1
776	660	Fairey Group	724	-1	11.8	2.1	∞
145	109	Fenner	138				
110	82	Ferraris Group	110			2.3	16.3
14	7	Ferrum	9				
79	58	Fife Indmar	63 ↑			5.5	9.3
149	113	Fisons	149	+1		3.6	
60	41	Fitzwilton	46			9.5	
298	263	Fogarty	276			3.8	12.7
51	38	Folkes Group nv	41		1.5	3.9	27.2
126	114	French (Thomas)	119			3.8	25.5
264	220	Frost Group	235 ↑		4.9	2.6	∞
126	77	GEI Int	86			3.6	
601½	510½	GKN	592 ↓	+7		4.3	35.5
69	59	GR Hldgs	64 ↑			3.5	
134	91	Garton Eng	124	+2	4.5	4.7	∞
191	139	Gestetner	152	+1		2.5	
66	53	Gieves	59				42.7
725	541	Glaxo	581	-17		5.2	13.8
46	35½	Glenchewton	41				
404	292	Glynwed	364	+6		4.1	26.1
191	125	Goode Durrant	168				
195	150	Grampian Hd	150 ↑		5.5	4.4	∞
598	519	Granada	546	-1		2.0	21.6
487	452	Great Stnrn	478		12.2	3.2	∞
95	78	Green (Ernst)	79 ↑			11.1	14.5
19½	13½	Greenacre	14½	+½		2.9	∞
0	6	Guardian Grp	6½				
84½	61	Haden MacLn	65	+1		3.9	∞
76	64	Halkin Hldgs	64				50.0
320	264	Hall Eng	265 ↑	-1		4.5	15.2
256	219	Halma	229	+2		1.2	28.7
71	47	Hampson Ind	62		1.7	3.4	20.5
302	260½	Hanson	265	+1½		5.4	24.6
161	135	Harris (Philip)	135			6.3	9.2
220	186	Harrisn Crsfld	192 ↑	+1		5.7	24.2
171	121	Havelock Euro	150	+5			
48	36	Hay (Norman)	38				
50	33	Headway	36	+1		2.4	
511	376	Hepworth	388 ↑		14.8	4.8	∞
205	154	Hewitt (J)	170	-1	3.2	2.4	∞
73	52	High-Point	57		0.5	1.1	
194½	152	Hill & Smith	152			4.6	17.5
28	16	Hobson	27				
191	172	Holden Tech	184 ↑		6.0	4.1	∞
63	39	Hopkinsons	59		0.9	1.9	44.0
216	176	Hornby	189 ↑		9.0	6.0	∞
102	78	Howden	95 ↑	+1		3.0	15.1
250	234	Hozelock	240	+1		3.1	17.4
265	215	Hunting	229			5.5	19.3
513	448	Huntleigh Tech	450			1.1	29.4
379	326	IMI	341 ↑	+6		3.7	28.6
138	119	ISA Intl	135	-1	1.6	1.5	∞
166	125	Intercare Gp	135	-7		3.2	13.9
325	284	Isoiron	310 ↑		4.4	1.8	17.4
710	409½	Jardine Math	499½	+14½		3.0	∞
676	554	Johnson Matth	598	-9		2.2	22.3
57	37	Johnson & FB	43			3.9	40.9
170	149	Johnston	161		2.0	1.6	∞
32	26	Jones Stroud	26				
36	27	Jourdan (T)	32		1.0	4.0	∞
197½	145½	Kalon	197½	+1		2.9	18.3
274	230	Kelsey Ind	274	+4		3.6	
605	730	Kenshaw (A)	760			4.4	30.1
275	215	Kleeneze	220			0.6	71.2
422	341	Laird	405	+2		3.4	19.9
170	145	Lilleshall	160 ↑	+4		3.6	17.4
229	205	Lincat	217 ↑			3.6	15.3
51	30½	Lincoln Hse	35				17.8
150	95	Linread	148		3.9	3.4	∞
355	313	Linton Park	338			5.2	12.2
14	10½	Liontcourt	10½			3.6	23.4
20½	16½	Locker (T)	16½		0.8	6.4	24.0
173	129	Lon Intl	173	+1	6.2	6.0	
179½	129	Lonrho	145½	+1		3.4	71.7
471	364	Low & Bonar	416 ↑	-1		3.0	∞
49	42	ML Hdgs	44				
67	55	MS Ind	57			5.5	34.9
70	45	MY Holdings	58 ↑	+1		3.3	15.2
271	223	Macfarlane	233	+2	3.8	2.1	∞
534	446	McKechnie	523	+1		3.5	25.2
127	105	McLeod Russel	110	-1		0.9	16.2
104	91	Magnolia	93		0.1	0.1	∞
165	129	Mang Bronze	143 ↑	-1		3.1	16.1
26	19½	Marling	19½			5.4	
231	182	Mayborn	185	+2		3.9	12.6
64	53	Mayflower	53 ↑			3.2	∞
187	132	Medeva	145 ↑	+2	2.7	2.3	∞
120	96½	Meggitt	108	-½		4.7	∞
132	116	Metalr	126	+1	4.0	4.1	∞
129	103	Metroiect	107	+2		3.8	14.9
128	99	Metsec	129		2.0	2.0	∞
124	95	Midstates	107	+4		0.9	14.9
575	548	Molins	553 ↑			3.5	11.1
408	360	Morgan Cble	378	-1		4.2	19.8
217	176	Morris Ashby	213		5.7	3.3	16.1
51	34	Neepsend	38		1.0	3.3	51.0
50	63	Nestor-BNA	70		3.1	5.6	∞
249	214	Nobo Gp	229	+1	5.3	2.9	22.6
212½	159	Norcros	167			5.2	24.4
35	31	Novo Group	32			4.3	10.3
54	34	OEM	39				
64	48	OMI Intl	48			4.6	
175	160	PCT	159		7.2	5.4	19.2
99	66	Pacer Systems	93 ↑			5.3	30.0
43	31	Pascoe's	35				
125	94	Pentland	98	+1		4.6	40.3
310	227	Photo-Me	225		4.7	2.6	12.5
234	177	Pilkington	200	+10		1.6	
110	88	Plantsbrook	88 ↑		3.4	4.8	∞
185	141	Porvair	171 ↑	-10		1.6	21.9
25	16	Porter Chadbm	25			2.2	10.5
341	270	Powerscreen	273	-3		7.1	14.2
29½	18	Prospect Inds	19½			5.1	11.3
6½	5½	RPs Group	6½		2.4	4.8	∞
106	82	Radiant Metal	100				
174	143	Ramco Oil	154	+6	1.3	0.8	51.6
447½	377	Ran. Org	430	+12½		5.2	22.8
26	13	Ransomes	21	-3			
723	595	Reckitt Colm	630 ↑	+14		3.5	∞
64	70	Record	91			5.6	19.1
5½	3½	Reere	4½				
291	245	Relyon	255 ↑	-2		2.5	46.5
309	268	Renishaw	270 ↑	+4		2.6	34.7
153	126	Renold	142			1.5	
2159	1754	Reuters	1956 ↑	-13		1.2	22.2
99	74	Revmore	80		2.0	3.2	
231	161	Ricardo Group	165 ↑	-1		4.5	15.4
73	68	Richard (Leeds)	68		3.7	6.9	
104	82½	Richardson West	87	-1		4.1	17.2
170	130	Ropner	171	-1	4.2	6.2	∞
154	126	-do- A	164	+4	8.2	6.5	∞
21	15	Rou-Gp	19½	+1	0.1	2.6	∞
195	170	Rotork	177			3.0	∞
190	145	Rubicon	145			2.7	15.3
75	62	Russell (A)	73	+2		3.0	∞
38	34	SEP Indl	38			2.9	16.3
1340½	1067½	SKF 'B'	1337½	-6½			
272	230	Scapa	233	+1		3.0	17.4
210	180	Scholl	184 ↑	+2		4.3	∞
297	242	Scotia	250				
1291	1149	Securicor	1211	-2		0.3	25.8
1071	944	-do- 'A'	956	-2		0.4	25.3
892	739	Security Serv	786	+1		0.9	20.2
150½	99	Senior Eng	123	-2		3.3	∞
735	312	Seton Health	318			2.4	18.8
155	128	Shiloh	149		3.0	2.6	16.0
549	301	Sidlaw	339			3.9	16.8
630	559	Siebe	627	+4		2.1	22.1
377	239	Silentnight	256			3.4	16.0
166	137	Sime Darby	161 ↑	+12		3.0	17.8
139	40	Simon Eng	121	+1½			
244	96	Sinclair (Wm)	218			4.0	17.0
57	75	Six Hundred	77	+4		3.3	
199½	139½	Smith & Neph	140	-1		4.5	15.2
447	367	SmithKline	369 ↑	-1		3.7	14.4
407	324	SmithKline Uts	337 ↑	-4		4.1	12.8
527½	454	Smiths Ind	470	-1		2.2	18.9
136	75	Slim Bus	95			5.5	4.4
600	466	Spandex	600			1.5	18.6
600	422	Spear (JW)	590			3.7	∞
411	377	Spirax-Sarco	411 ↑	+1		3.0	20.0
91½	50½	Spring Ram	61 ↑	+½		1.0	∞
257	202	Staveley	203	+1		4.2	11.5

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242	197	Sterling Ind	227			3.2	34.8
220	180	Suter	195 ↑	+1		5.9	17.3
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	512½	+13		1.9	∞
4½	2½	Sycamore	3½				
56	48	Sykes-Pick	48		3.0	8.0	9.2
178	168	Systone	168			3.6	24.3
455	382	TI	409 ↑	+1		3.4	23.5
44	31	TLS Range	35	+1	0.5	1.8	∞
386	330	TT Group	375 ↑	+2		2.2	∞
292	230	Tabare	258 ↑	+3	2.0	1.0	22.5
852½	656	Takeda Chem	803½	-14		0.8	15.2
61	36	Tex Hldgs	46				
101	92	Tinsley (E)	92			7.6	15.9
220	217	Titon	220			2.4	18.3
281	234	Tomkins	241	+2		3.4	17.8
134	93	Trafalgar H	101	-5		4.0	
105	68	Transfer Tech	85 ↑	+1	3.3	4.9	∞
163	132	Triplex Lloyd	132			6.6	15.9
318	272	UniChem	286 ↑		6.5	2.8	∞
440	365	Unidare	370			2.8	20.1
54	34	Unigroup	40	+1			
1247	1006	Unilever	1046 ↑	+18	25.0	3.0	∞
8118½	7006½	Unilever (NV)	7227½	-46½		2.9	∞
18½	12	Utd Inds	16½				
1093	858	VSEL	980			3.9	10.6
31½	14½	Verson	20				
196	172	Vickers	179 ↑	+5		2.1	22.4
327	261	Victaulic	305 ↑			3.3	16.8
532	451	Vinten	500	+1		2.0	∞
805	661	Vosper Thorny	778			2.6	18.0
48	37	WSP Hldgs	48 ↑	-1		4.7	35.4
525	451	Wagon Ind	503	+2		4.3	22.5
5	1½	Wakebourne	3				16.4
114	97	Walker Greenbk	99		3.3	4.3	∞
304	254	Wassall	272 ↑	+5		1.6	23.5
55	44	Watford Widgwd	35	+2			
365	303	Weir	349 ↑	+5		2.3	∞
704	549	Wellcome	561 ↑			4.7	11.9
31½	22	Wellman	31½	+½	0.9	3.6	51.4
400	319	West Hiltscare	343	+3		1.4	22.0
548	455	Whatman	522 ↑			2.4	18.5
264	217	Whessoe	239	-3		4.3	11.3
111	93	Whitecroft	105				
13½	10½	Widney	11				
191	121	Wilkes (James)	176	+2		1.1	∞
421	365	Williams Hldg	402			4.0	22.9
53	39½	Wilshaw	45½	+½		1.5	28.7
975	830	Wolseley	892	-12		2.0	21.5
195	156	Wood (Arthur)	155 ↑		3.0	2.4	∞
53	40	Wyko	53			1.2	
96	70	Young (H)	75			5.5	

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1497½	1150	Alex & Alex	1175	+25		5.7	
2043½	1725	Am Gen	1912½	+18½		4.0	
86	55	Archer	66	+6		1.9	
166	133	Bradstock	142			4.8	16.0
550	430	Britannic	452 ↑	+1	15.7	2.8	∞
117	99	CLM Insce	101				
711	563	Com Union	594 ↑	+1		5.2	22.1
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1915 ↑			1.6	25.3
64	45	FAI	45			1.1	
194	172	Fenchurch Grp	175			5.1	15.6
757	602	Gen Accident	645 ↑	-3		5.3	13.0
247	175	GRE	197 ↑	-1		4.8	2.7
457	371	Heath C E	377	-3		5.3	
215	122	Hogg Gp	214	-1	5.6	5.3	∞
323	275	Independent Ins	275 ↑		8.2	3.8	∞
216	174	JIB Group	194 ↑			4.8	17.6
547	452	Legal & Gen	475 ↑	-4		5.3	16.6
1353½	975	Liberty Life	1050	+65½		3.0	16.7
119	99	LIMIT	100½				
471	399	Lloyds Abbey	393 ↑	-2		5.7	12.6
310	269	Lloyd Thomp	286 ↑		7.1	3.1	17.8
443	372	Londn & Man	361	+4		5.3	18.1
472	427	Lowndes Lmb	428		14.0	4.1	15.4
5769½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5662½	+87½		3.2	
188	147	Nelson Hurst	175			4.0	17.5
131	112	Oriel	119			5.3	
83	71	PWS	75			6.7	13.9
395	302	Prudential	332 ↑	+2		5.0	15.8
404	321	Refuge	349 ↑			4.1	25.7
350	258	Royal	283 ↑	+3		3.3	12.8
222	176	Sedgwick	213 ↑	+5		3.5	24.0
155	105	Steel Burrill	140 ↑	-2		8.0	∞
87	68	Sturge Hldgs	70			5.4	59.4
418	314	Sun Alliance	353 ↑	+2	14.7	5.2	∞
96	81	Trade Indemnity	82			0.8	18.1
464	350	Transatlantic	383 ↓	+2		3.9	35.0
673	573	Utd Friendly	575 ↑		16.5	3.6	∞
245	207	Willis Corroon	226	+4		3.7	20.0
	21½	Windsor	26				20.4



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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1782	Alliance	1817 ↑	+9		3.2	
479	428	Anglo & O'seas	445 ↑	+3		2.0	
161	14½	BZW Conv	149 ↑	+1	7.8	6.5	
219	190	Bankers	195 ↑			2.4	
351	335	Baring Tribne	336	+1		2.5	
248	198	Berry Starq	236 ↑		2.2	1.2	∞
120½	96½	Br Assets	104½	+1		5.1	
98	90	Br Empire Sec	96	+1		1.2	
46	31	-do- Wnts	38	+1			
234	200	Br Inv	208	+3	4.6	2.8	
272	240	Brunner	242	+1		2.7	
221	199	Contl Asset	201 ↑	+1		1.9	
161	147	Derby Inc	154	+1		12.8	
325	278	-do- Cap	305	+12			
100	90	Drayton Blue	97	+4	8.4	10.8	
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	100		1.0	1.2	
156	128	-do- Far East	149	+3½		0.6	
177	137	-do- Korea	145	+1	0.5	0.4	
784	686	Dunedin Inc G	703 ↑	+5		4.6	
108	55	-do- Japan	102½	-2			
91	45	-do- Warrants	68	-2			
927	759	-do- Wrlde	786	+6		1.5	
341	301	Dundee & Lon	315			3.6	
360	302	Edinburgh	319½	+2½	8.5	3.4	
754	299	Electra Inv	308	+2		2.8	
230	195	Electric Gen	202	+1	3.1	1.9	
127	116	English Scot	117				
345	316	European Asset	317 ↑			1.7	∞
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	157		3.0	2.4	
343	302	Fleming Amer	307	-½		0.6	
145	95	Fleming Chinese	104	+3			
92	54	-do- Warrants	61	+4			
267	230	-do- Claver	227½	-½		3.1	
385	334	Do Contl	351	+6	2.7	1.0	
254	223	-do- Entp	231	-1		2.6	
439	357	-do- F East	357	+8	1.1	0.4	
422	365	-do- Fledg	392 ↑	+1		1.0	
120	102	-do- HI Inc	105	+1		5.2	
273	223	-do- Japan	260	-2		0.2	
347	294	-do- Merc	305 ↑	+2	6.7	2.8	∞
347½	295	-do- Oseas	303	+2½	4.2	1.7	
311	268	Foreign & Col	278 ↑	+1		1.6	
149	10½	-do- Emg Mkts	122	+3	0.2	0.3	
77	67½	-do- Enterprise	69½	+½	0.6	1.1	∞
259	236½	-do- Eurotst	251	+4		0.6	
145	121	-do- German	130	-½	0.5	0.5	
374	316	-do- Pacific	346	+6		0.8	
192	174	-do- Smaller	194½	+½	1.8	1.3	
320	267	GT Japan	285	-4		0.5	
200	175	Genl Cons Cap	193	+1			
115	95	-do- Inc	109	+1		10.0	
191	160	Govett Am Smlr	175	+2			
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	118	+5			
112	91	Govts High Inc	98	+2		7.0	
429	350	-do- Oriental	378	+12	0.9	0.3	
346	279	-do- Strategy	284			3.0	
475	423	Greenfriar	455			1.8	
19	19	Gresham House	19				
105	94	Herald	104				
159	135	Inv Cap	137	+1		4.7	
119	103	IRS UK Smlr	104		2.8	3.4	
243	206	Kleinwort Chrt	215	+3		3.0	
271½	233	-do- O'seas	248 ↑	+1		1.7	
165	136	-do- Smlr	153 ↑	-2	3.5	2.9	∞
826	716	Law Debenture	726 ↑	+3		3.3	
227	209	Majedie	209			3.0	
324	270	Merchants	278 ↑		11.0	5.0	∞
495	456	Mercury Euro Pv	456				
125	105	-do- World Mng	109				
52½	36	-do- World Wts	39	+2			
2987½	2431	Merrill Lynch	2562½				
596	519	Morris Inv Tst	542	+6		1.5	
158	142	Morg Gren Inc	146			3.9	
64	46	Do Warrants	51½				
93½	87	Do Latin Amer	90	+1½			
49	30	Do Warrants	40	+3			
148	128	Murray Ent	136	+1		1.8	
£290	£245	-do- Pf 1994	£250				
58	38	-do- Warrants	39	+1			
66	58½	Murray Euro	61 ↑		0.2	0.6	∞
27½	16	Do Wts	16½				
395	348	Murray Income	362 ↑	+3	11.3	3.9	∞
395	330	-do- Intl	354 ↑	+3		4.1	
548	437	-do- Small	448	+2		1.2	
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	85			15.6	
174	138	-do- S/C Cap	147	+1			
3400	3150	-do- S/C Uts	3300	-25		4.0	
160	153	-do- S/C DP	154	+1			
363	324	-do- Vent	326 ↑			4.2	
95	78	Nwthrng Inc	80 ↑	+1	6.7	10.5	
404	359	O'seas Inv Tst	372	+3		1.1	
241	193	Do Warrants	200	+2			
640½	433	Pacific Assets	479 ↑	+25		0.3	
542	235	Do Warrants	383	+28			
9400	8625	Personal Assets	9050 ↑		190	2.6	
189	170	RIT Cap Ptnr	174		1.1	0.8	
127	114	River & Merc	116			9.9	∞
449	425	Robeco	449			2.8	
463	430	Rolinco	448			1.7	
343	280	St Andrew Inv	337 ↑			2.9	
183	162	Scot American	167½	+½		3.5	
368	256	Scott Asian	274	+8			
1070	753	do Warrants	770	+12			
97½	82½	-do- Eastern	89½	+½	1.5	2.3	∞
262½	221	Scottish	232	+1½		2.6	
264½	217	-do- Mtge	238½	+2½	4.0	2.2	
137½	116½	-do- Value	125	+1½		1.8	
1795	1585	Second Alliance	1590	+5		3.1	
106	92	Secs Tst of Scot	95½	+½	3.2	4.3	
178	166	Selective Asset	168			1.1	
51½	43½	Sphere Inv	48½	+1½		8.8	
205	149	TR Far East	164	+5		4.0	
177½	145	TR City Of Lon	152 ↑	+1		4.0	
249	172	TR Pacific	185 ↑	+5		0.2	
43½	34½	TR Property	36½	+½	0.0	3.1	
152	127	TR Tech Inv	141	+2½	1.7	1.6	
228	197	TR Smlr Cos	202			2.4	
412	349	Temple Bar	359	+1		4.7	
135	105	Thrmtn Asian E	113	+4	0.5	0.6	∞
101	79	Throgmorton	84			3.4	
553	468	Throg Dual Cp	493	+18			
269	245	USDC Invest	251 ↑	+2		2.2	
129	114	Value Inc Tst	114		4.0	4.4	
257½	226	Witan	233	+2		3.1	

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	472	Airtours	486	+7		2.3	16.6
46½	26	Ald Leis	29			12.9	9.5
177	163	Alpha Airpts	168			3.0	∞
668	428	Anglia TV	645			1.8	20.9
131	93	Baldwin	98			4.5	12.9
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	305		10.0	4.1	19.7
1400	1156	Boosey Hwks	1251		22.0	2.2	18.9
205	133	Border TV	148	+1	3.6	3.0	12.1
6½	4½	Bernt Walker	4½				
148½	100	Bristol Scots	120				
7½	5½	Buckingham Int	5½				
74	44	Campari	46		8.7	23.8	
439	328	Capital Radio	431	+2		1.7	38.0
1047	520	Carlton Comm	918	+10		2.5	21.0
307	248	Castle Comms	282 ↑			4.0	17.8
3130	2910	Central TV	2925		39.0	1.7	31.9
163	114	Chrysalis	161		3.2	2.5	
374	338½	Compass Gp	364	+1		2.2	20.3
285	232	Eurocamp	257 ↑		9.7	4.7	10.6
457½	346	Euro Disney	374½	-2½		3.1	
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½				
419	308	Fairline Boats	338	+3		3.9	31.8
350	281	First Leisure	317	+7		2.6	21.5
476	340	Flextech	352	+12	0.5	0.2	
1033	675	GWR Gp	880			1.3	31.9
303	228	Grampian	298		6.5	3.1	17.9
22	15	Greenwich Comm	16				
161	106	HTV Group	133	+½	1.0	0.9	∞
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	76	+3		3.7	
18½	11½	Kunick	14	+½			
752	605	LWT Hldgs	716	-2		0.9	33.1
702	539	Man Utd	693 ↑			3.7	27.2
51	34	Northern	45	+2			8.7
130	81	Owners Abrd	114 ↑	-1		1.8	
89	70	The Pelican Gp	87	+1	1.1	1.6	20.4
183	173	Prism Leisure	173		3.5	2.5	16.1
43	34	Quadrant Grp	37				
234	205	Ramsdens (H)	232 ↑	+3		2.4	33.4
628	395	Scot Radio	525	+5		2.3	23.4
574	449	Scot TV	482	-22	12.4	3.3	∞
40½	28½	SelectTV	29				
118	65	Southern Radio	116			1.3	51.4
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	323			2.0	26.1
153	125	Sunset & Vine	131 ↑		3.5	3.3	20.0
345½	280	Tanjong	280			1.1	∞
2	1½	Ticketing	2				
99	75	Tottenham Hot	80			3.1	30.6
182	85	Trans World	157 ↑	+2	1.3	1.0	57.3
760	518	Ulster TV	595 ↑	-29	15.0	3.2	∞
149	112	Vardon	141 ↑		1.1	1.0	∞
375	150	Yorkshire TV	296	+2		1.4	
126	110	Zetters Gp	125		8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	2909½	+81½		2.7	22.0
2156½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	1868½	+75		5.0	9.6
6518½	4665½	Ang Am Gold	4678½	+125		4.8	21.0
36	29	Anglo Pac Res	33				
404	298	Bakyrchik	306				
184	90½	Blyvoors	98½	+8			
37	26½	Bracken	30½			29.0	5.3
898	593	Buffels	593	-9½		10.9	5.3
6	2½	Butte	2½				
930½	787½	CRA	837½	+6½		2.5	26.8
55½	36	Cluff Res	46	-1			
1750	1318½	De Beers	1337½	+18½		4.1	∞
148	88	Deelkraal	88	-3½		2.3	6.4
74	37½	Doornfontein	34				
914	665½	Driefontein	669½	+3½		5.0	11.0
776½	549½	Durban	593	-9½			
170	107	E Rand Gold	107	-7		10.2	3.2
122½	72	E Rand Prop	72				
440	313½	Elandsrand	313½	-17½		6.3	∞
1239	762½	FS Cons	762½	-22		8.5	9.4
57	31	FS Dev	31	-3			
1800	1193½	GFSA	1293½	+50		3.2	20.9
152½	108½	Gencor	119½	+9½		5.8	12.8
80½	59½	GM Kalgoorli	67½	-½		2.0	22.8
18½	14	Greenwich R 'A'	14½				
202	109½	Grootvlei	111½	-3½		8.9	7.0
416	332½	Harmony	332½	-20½			
430	271½	Hartier	271½	-7		10.5	6.7
21½	14	Imcco	14	-½			11.5
1028½	831½	Impala Plat	881½	-53½		3.2	28.8
16½	9½	Kenmare Res	13½				
1315½	900	Kinross	915½	+15½		6.8	10.2
898½	576½	Kloof	593	+16½		4.1	7.0
137	69½	Leslie	69½	-3½		16.2	3.7
333	186½	Loraine	186½	-3½			
1125	887½	Lydenburg	1062½			2.0	
155½	118	MIM	149½	+2		1.5	64.6
1556	1263	Minorco	1243 ↑	-42		3.1	14.9
201½	154	Nth Brkn Hill	167	-½		3.0	25.7
4587½	2146½	Orange Free	2159½	-3½		5.9	12.8
899	790	RTZ	870 ↑	+2		2.9	26.6
268½	187½	Rand Mines	269½			4.2	10.2
801½	554	Randfontein	584½	-51½		7.0	5.8
295	215	Renison	237			1.9	24.5
1346½	1109½	Rustenbg	1128½	-9½		2.9	25.7
756	567½	St Helena	567½	-13½		7.4	11.9
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1703½	-18½		5.5	18.5
103	73	Stilfontein	86½			23.6	16.2
160	90½	Unisel	90½			4.9	8.6
7600	5065½	Vaal Reefs	5065½	-50½		3.3	7.8
813	558	Welkom	559½	-½		6.0	12.4
624½	508½	Western Areas	522	-4		5.1	3.6
3362½	2287½	Western Deep	2287½	-18½		4.8	7.6
398	314½	Wstrn Mining	339½	+6½		1.8	
1225	618½	Winkelh	618½	-18½		7.5	5.9
66	50	Zambia Copper	57				
68	48	Zandpan	48	-1		9.7	15.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
273	233	Abbey Panels	273			3.3	11.1
115	110	Airflow Stream	115		3.0	3.3	11.1
175	134	Appleyard	134 ↑		5.5	5.1	∞
405	330	Bletchley Mtr	363			3.4	∞
231	180	Bostrom	225	+4	6.0	3.4	∞
584	390	Br Aerospace	482 ↑	-7		2.2	42.3
55	45	Burndene	55			4.0	14.8
465	400	Caffyns	410	+5	11.5	3.5	21.7
22	13½	Caverdale	16½	+½	0.1	1.1	∞
130	110	Central Mtrs	111			4.5	25.4
41	32½	Cook (DC)	36	+1	0.9	3.1	20.4
348	281	Cowie (T)	308 ↑	+10		3.2	16.9
192½	127	Dag Motors	170 ↓			4.7	∞
157	122	Dawpnt Verfl	122	-1		4.3	12.1
332	275	ERF	333		2.0	0.8	
173	135	European Mtr	151	+6		3.1	21.2
592	408	Evans Halshaw	520 ↑		13.0	3.1	∞
308	235	FR Group	290	+25		3.3	∞
4718½	3943½	Ford Motor	3980	-6½			
4387½	3607½	General Mtr	3937½	+25		1.4	
90	60	Gowrings	76		2.0	3.1	∞
342½	266½	Henlys	285 ↓	+1		3.3	∞
1146½	918½	Honda Motor	1135	-4½		0.8	
48	35	Jacks (Wm)	41				
116	80	Jessups	98	+2	4.5	5.7	
184	159½	Kwik-Fit	169 ↑			2.8	19.4
573	445	Lex Service	514 ↑	+4		3.0	∞
276	162	Lookers	239 ↑			3.4	23.3
239	189	Lucas	200 ↑	+1		4.4	
29½	25	Malaya Grp	26	+½			
310	261	Pendragon	229 ↑	+1		3.2	19.8
238	175	Perry Gp	223		7.0	4.0	∞
218	198	Quicks Group	170 ↑	-1		3.7	∞
194	161	Rolls-Royce	185 ↑	+1		3.4	40.8
249	200	T & N	236	+6		5.2	∞
300	263	Trinity Hldgs	280	+2		2.5	26.2
221	163	Vosty (Reg)	196 ↑			2.7	22.1
338	253	Westland	333	-1		1.7	23.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	275		5.7	2.6	28.2
335	335	Black (A&C)	335		13.5	5.0	13.7
402	308	Blenheim Gp	361	-9	10.2	3.6	∞
413	365	Bristol	403			3.7	26.4
1690	1100	Daily Mail	1469½			1.3	34.4
1484½	1109½	Daily Mail 'A'	1237½	-9½		1.5	28.0
390	300	Dorling Kind	364 ↑			1.6	23.9
6712½	5853½	Elsevier	6046½	-37½		3.1	∞
476	410	EMAP	425	+1		2.4	26.2
1635	1480	Euromoney Pb	1635			2.9	28.8
194	154	Hardington K	156	-4	4.9	4.0	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	448 ↑			2.0	25.3
408	340	Hodder H'line	401 ↑		5.0	1.6	∞
160	120	Home Counts	140 ↑	+5	4.5	4.0	∞
208	161	Intl Bus Comm	205 ↑			1.2	1.3
15	10½	Int Cm & Data	11½	-½			
510	410	Independent	500 ↑			2.3	17.2
669	551	Johnstone Press	662 ↑		7.0	1.3	∞
397	338	Metal Bulletn	397 ↑	+9		3.1	23.0
203	166	Mirror Gp	126	+4			12.8
514½	424½	News Corp	450½	+3½		0.3	
314	264	News Intl	269 ↑			0.6	16.5
735	605	Pearson	639 ↑	+6		2.5	24.7
760	670	Portsmth Sund	754			1.6	20.8
964	823	Reed Int	850	-3		2.8	25.3
269	187	Southnews	242		2.3	1.2	44.7
300	160	Sterling Pub	187 ↑			2.1	22.8
610	487	Telegraph	608 ↑	+3		2.7	19.8
885	785	Thomson Corp	835		30.1	4.5	41.7
472	436	Trinity Ind	443 ↑	+2		2.7	21.9
40	21	Unit Group	40	+10			
731	623	Utd Nwspprs	653 ↑	+2		4.2	17.6

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31½	24½	Aran Energy	25½				26.6
49	35	Arcon Inda	40	+1			
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	+1½			
67	50	Aviva Pet	53				
9	7	Beverley	7				69.0
233	200	Br Borneo	225 ↑	+1	7.1	3.9	∞
358	293½	British Gas	298½	+1½		6.1	
406½	340	Br Petroleum	373 ↑	-1		2.8	31.2
3	1½	Bula Resources	2½				
875	811	Burmah Castrl	830	+4		4.2	17.0
64	56	Cairn Energy	61				8.7
475	315	Calor Gp	320			5.0	16.1
51	33½	Clyde Pet	34				
30	19½	Copley Res	23				
27	17	Edin Oil & Gas	23½				25.4
486	398	Enterprise	438 ↑	-9		4.6	22.2
80	28	Exp Co Louis	68				
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	23½			5.4	∞
8½	4½	Fortune	5½				
68	54	Goal Pet	65 ↑				
41	31	Gt Western Res	37		1.4	3.7	12.4
177	149½	Hardy O & G	152			0.8	14.1
55	40	Kelt Energy	45				
136	115	LASMO	128			1.3	
73	54	-do- Units	54 ↑		9.4	21.9	
9½	2	Mid Scot Res	4				
64½	55	Monument	63				
7½	4½	New London	4½				
50	36	Oil Search	42	+2			
50½	17½	Petrol	34½	+½			
163	153	Pict Pet	156				
28	21½	Premier	24	+½			8.0
159	118	Presidio	126			5.2	
433	325	Ranger	410	-5		3.9	
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7215½	-28½		4.3	19.0
4084½	3481½	Schlumberger	3481½	-106½		2.3	
58	54	Seafield	55				∞
749	651	Shell	711 ↑			4.2	21.5
187	130	Sunrise Eng Sv	133				
19	14½	Villers Grp	15½	+½			
228½	178½	Woodside	206	-4		1.8	

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	162	AG Holdings	162			4.1	14.7
444	387	API	388			2.7	24.4
302	257	Arjo Wiggins	292 ↑			2.8	49.0
730	540	Abbott Mead	659		10.5	2.0	∞
28½	17½	Aegis Gp	24	+½			
205	145	Alpen Comms	175	-3	4.9	3.6	∞
26	18	BBB Design	20				
472	414	Bemrose	429 ↑		11.7	3.4	∞
13½	8½	Birkdale	10				
184	145	Bunzl	182 ↑	+1		2.8	22.5
430	352	CIA Gp	380 ↑		5.1	1.7	∞
170	120	Capital Inds	148 ↑				∞
93	80	City of Lon	80			6.0	14.8
439	304	Cropper (James)	404	-8	3.2	1.0	39.0
114	86	Delyn Group	109	-1	1.6	1.9	14.7
137	104	Dolphin Pack	124		4.5	4.6	∞
83	78	Dudley Jenkins	80			4.9	17.5
15½	12½	Elswick	13			2.9	14.5
101	75	Fairway Group	95 ↑	-1		4.4	19.4
430	363	Ferguson Intl	397			3.9	18.0
145	135	Ferry Pick	145 ↑			4.8	
227	186	Filofax	214	+1		0.9	27.6
17½	8	Finch	10½				
149	140	Gibbon Lyons	143	+1	5.2	4.5	16.1
275	171	Gold Greenless	177	+2	8.4	6.0	16.0
34	23	Goodhead	32			0.2	∞
30	15	Hunterprint	27	-2			
162	130	Interupe	135 ↑			7.2	12.2
290	273	Jarvis Porter	282			2.1	28.3
33½	22	Lopex	27			1.1	∞
36½	29½	MMT	29½				
431	357	More O'Ferrall	382 ↑		13.2	4.3	∞
146	120	NMC Group	120		2.7	3.9	18.5
300	230	Osborne & Little	268			2.4	28.4
60	32	Osprey Comms	53	+9		0.2	
657	513	Portals	657	+6		3.1	18.9
3	2	Premier Hlth	2½				
399	286	Quarto	311 ↑		6.0	2.4	∞
472	322	St Ives Gp	411	+2		1.7	27.1
158	128	Saatchi	130				25.6
631½	464½	Sappi	493	+26½		6.7	9.3
30½	18	Serif	26½				
57	20½	Shandwick	50 ↑	-1½			
530	398	Smith David	530	+16		2.4	36.2
361	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	317			1.7	7.6
119	103	Somic	112		2.5	2.8	49.9
254	230	Stat-Plus	236 ↑		8.8	4.7	∞
33	26½	Taylor Nelson	28½	+1	0.4	2.0	∞
151	125	VTR	136			3.4	20.5
129	89	WPP	118			1.1	17.0
264	182	Wace	240			1.8	∞
300	244	Waddington (J)	253			4.0	19.0
511	409	Wamough	471 ↑	-1		1.8	28.6
5	3	Westport	3½				
44	29	Whitney Mcke	30				
105	98	Wyndeham	101			1.8	22.5

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	106	Allied Lon	114	+2½		4.0	15.2
48	37	Arcadian	39	-2			
10½	6	Ascot Hldgs	7½				
144	109	Asda	114	+2		2.4	12.0
191	146	Avonside	147 ↑	-3		3.6	∞
2575	2329½	BCE	2440½	-3½			
765	590	Bilton	603	+13	19.2	4.1	∞
108	72	Bourne End	100			1.3	∞
276	213	Bradford	239	+4	5.9	3.1	24.2
22½	13½	Bredero	17				
474	391	Br Land	413	+9½		2.3	37.6
276	208	Brixton	237	+9		4.4	18.8
118	90½	Burford	102½	+2½		1.7	33.0
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	180			1.0	∞
315	230	Cardiff Prop	300			1.0	67.1
185	152	Chelsfield	166	+6		1.8	
678	584	Chesterfield	600		11.5	2.4	42.9
84	36	City Site Ests	68	+3			
34	22	Clarke Nickolls	25				32.2
285	285	Compco	285		12.9	6.0	61.8
56	38	Conrad Rlsst GS	42 ↑	+4			
1755	1458	Daejan	1815	+7		2.1	19.9
25½	5	Dares Estates	16½	+½			
156	123	Debenhm Twsn	123			3.4	23.4
17	10	De Morgan	14				
189	173	Denmere	173		3.0	2.2	
723	606	Derwent Hldgs	608 ↑		9.1	1.9	∞
41	31½	Development Sec	31½				
65	31	Dwyer	36				
460	370	Estates Agency	460			2.1	34.7
47	18	Estates Gen	32½	+½			
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	107	+1		2.8	18.9
47½	34½	Ex-Lands	35	+½		1.2	
37	30½	Five Oaks	30½			0.8	
78	66	Fletcher King	73	-1	1.0	1.7	48.4
536	440	Frogmore	476 ↑	+12		4.3	21.0
325	228	Grainger	278			2.4	49.7
260	198	Gt Portland	221	+3		4.5	21.1
23½	16½	Greycoat	18½	+½			
269	177½	HK Land	212½	+6		4.1	∞
94	65	Hambro Cntyw	70	+5	0.7	1.3	∞
435	347	Hammerson	389 ↑	+13		3.2	44.6
378	298	Helical Bar	332			1.8	11.9
40½	33½	Hemingway	34			1.5	
78	59	Herring Baker	61		3.7	7.7	15.3
315	138	Jermyn	245				
792	631	Land Sec	659	+2	23.1	4.4	19.7
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	105	+4	4.0	4.8	16.3
16	9	Lon & Metro	15				
502	441½	MEPC	500	+6		5.0	28.8
13½	6½	McInerney A	10½				
190	164	McKay Secs	174		3.5	2.5	23.9
81	71	Merivale Mre	72	+1			
55	39	Moorfield Est	39			3.3	∞
1425	1265½	Mountview	1278½		22.0	2.2	13.4
196	162	Macklow (A&J)	162			4.8	21.2
64	44	Olives Prop	44 ↑				
2½	1½	ORB	1½				
191	149	PSIT	154	+5	4.3	3.6	30.5
399	325	Peel	342	+5	4.3	1.6	
12	6½	Power Corp	7				
50	30	Property Trust	32	+1			9.1
54	40	Raglan	42				
40	30	Regalian	34	+½			
175	140	Rowlinson Secs	165		1.5	1.1	20.6
64	48	St Modwen Prp	51 ↑			2.5	21.4
75	59	Saville Grdn (I)	66	+2		5.1	32.9
100	80	Savills	91	+1		2.4	36.0
108	85	Scot Met	94	+2		2.1	
135	115	Shaftesbury	117				
17½	11½	Shield	16				8.4
307	244	Slough Estates	284 ↑	+4	8.1	3.8	∞
103	73	Southend Prop	74			4.1	
50	25	Stanhope Prps	35				
39	35	TBI	37				
244	224	Tops Ests	227		2.1	1.2	
163	132	Town Centre	140	+1		3.2	24.8
107	91	Trafford Park	100 ↑	+1		3.6	23.0
58	31	UK Land	36				
10½	8½	Union Square	9				
317	243	Warner	274	+9		5.0	24.3
249	218	Warnford	248		7.5	3.8	18.2
7½	2½	Waterglade	3				
104	76	Wates	79	+2			
105	82	Wood John D	95			1.0	

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagica	40	+1			
231	200	Headlam	213 ↑	-1		1.9	∞
405	315	Lambert	315 ↑	-1	13.7	5.5	∞
73	53	Pittards	70 ↑			1.8	
26	21	Strong & Fisher	23 ↑			5.4	15.7
250	227	Stylo	244			2.1	∞
67	57	UK Safety	59 ↑		2.6	5.5	∞

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	514	Allied Text	580	+1		2.9	19.4
71	56	Beckman (A)	59	+1		7.7	12.4
47	26	Bolton Gp	39				
226	183	Br Mohair	196 ↑			5.4	26.6
68	38	Charnwell	51				
385	330	Claremont Gs	370 ↑		7.1	2.7	∞
593	451	Courtauld Text	546 ↑	+4		3.3	19.2
35	11	Cupid	13	+1			
164	124	Dawson	163			5.8	12.4
36	31	Drummond	31				
80	76	Foxpale	76		4.9	8.1	11.8
29	24	Foster (John)	26				
166	113	Gaskell	160			3.4	
249	222	Hicking Pntcst	223			2.4	15.8
73	38	Jerome (S)	60			0.4	
485	395	Lamont	425	+7	12.0	3.5	28.1
340	318	Leeds	318	-1		2.2	16.8
101	78	Lyles (S)	78			5.3	
212	125	Magellan	175		1.4	1.0	
266	193	Parkland	227	+1		0.9	
112	97	Readicut	101			4.3	19.0
70	51	SEET	55				
146	124½	Sirdar	127 ↑			5.3	9.8
64	54	Stirling Gp	59		1.9	4.0	16.3
46	35	Stoddard	36			5.2	33.5
330	275	Tomkinsons	315			4.6	26.7
49	34	West Trust	39			8.7	
280	240	Yorklyde	240	-5		2.8	15.7

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	436	BAT	456 ↑			5.5	12.7
489	386	Rothmans	398			3.9	12.5

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
627	544	Assoc Br Ports	549 ↑	+2		2.1	∞
1083	965	BAA	978	+3		2.1	24.3
128	111	Bridgeline	115			4.5	
496½	399	Br Airways	443½	+14½		3.1	18.6
108	86	Clarkson (H)	87		1.7	2.5	∞
665	494	Eurotunnel Uts	500	+2			
87	55	Fisher (James)	55				
310	253	IoM Steam	302 ↑			3.6	11.5
55	39	Jacobs (JI)	53 ↑	+3	3.3	7.8	∞
111	99	Lon O'Seas Frts	99			1.3	18.1
534	443	Mersey Docks	475 ↑	+7		2.4	23.9
303	245	Nati Express	303 ↑	+10		3.1	∞
291	224	NFC	227			3.9	34.7
348	263	Ocean Group	293	+4		6.3	14.3
91	71	Ocean Wilson	81	+2	4.0	6.2	14.7
728	612½	P & O Dfd	707 ↑	+9		5.4	∞
163	153	P & O 5 1/2%	160			4.3	
705	631	Powell Duffryn	676	+4		4.2	21.4
98½	88	Seacon	90			3.2	20.4
206	158	Stagecoach	187	+9		2.3	22.8
121	89½	TNT	101½	+½			
915	803	Tibbet & Brttn	813 ↑		14.2	2.2	∞
79	42	Tiphook	43	-1			
327	255	TDG	261 ↑	+2		4.5	17.5
132	98	Ugland	122				
160	153	Utd Carriers	153				

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	480	Anglian Water	506	+4		5.3	9.0
385	345	Mid Kent Hldgs	345			3.9	12.7
751	622	Northumbrian	647	+9		4.5	7.6
611	510	North West	518	-1		5.3	8.6
645	531	Severn Trent	534	+2		5.1	7.8
682	552	Sthrn Water	566	+3		4.8	9.2
1595	1525	Sth Staffs	1553		48.9	3.9	11.1
675	533	South West	534			5.7	8.6
611	495	Thames Water	502½	+9½		5.3	8.9
744	620	Welsh Water	626	-2		4.8	6.3
759½	628	Wessex Water	648	+2		4.3	10.3
630	505	Yorkshire W	519	+7		5.3	8.6

Source: Finstat

♣ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; * Ex rights issue; § Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102½	100	Exch 13¼% 1994	100		13.50	
102½	100½	Treas 10% 1994	100½		9.92	5.08
104½	102½	Exch 12½% 1994	102½		12.19	5.11
103½	102½	Treas 9% 1994	102½		8.80	5.2
107½	105½	Treas 12% 1995	105½		11.41	5.20
98	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	97½		3.06	4.98
107½	105½	Exch 10¼% 1995	105½		9.72	5.63
113½	110½	Treas 12¾% 1995	110½		11.25	5.85
117½	113½	Treas 14% 1996	113½		12.26	6.02
121½	116½	Treas 15¼% 1996	117½		13.01	6.19
117½	113½	Exch 13¼% 1996	113½		11.67	6.24
112½	107½	Conv 10% 1996	109½	-½	9.25	6.54
121½	115½	Treas 13¼% 1997	117½		11.25	6.75
111½	106½	Exch 10½% 1997	109½	-½	9.59	6.75
110½	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	105½	-½	9.29	6.80
131½	125½	Exch 15% 1997	125½		12.07	7.12
114½	107½	Exch 9¾% 1998	108½		8.90	7.15
101½	96½	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-½	7.21	7.29
102	99½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99½	-½	6.80	6.98
131½	122½	Treas 14% 1996-01	122½	-½	11.39	7.43
140½	129½	Treas 15½% 1998	130½	-½	11.87	7.35
129½	119½	Exch 12% 1998	117½	-½	10.22	7.40
116½	107½	Treas 9½% 1999	109½	-½	8.75	7.54

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		Treas 6% 1999			6.31	7.14
		Exch 12¼% 1999	119½		10.22	7.54
		Treas 10½% 1999	112½		9.32	7.49
		Conv 10¼% 1999	112½		9.11	7.53
		Conv 9% 2000	107½		8.38	7.45
		Treas 13% 2000	125½		10.34	7.73
		Treas 7% 2001	97½		7.20	7.45
		Treas 10% 2001	112½		8.92	7.70
		Treas 7% 2002	112½		6.49	7.72
		Treas 9% 2003	102½		7.81	7.62
		Treas 10% 2003	114½		8.71	7.75
		Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119½		9.66	7.88
		Fund 3½% 1999-04	78½		4.57	6.71
		Treas 6½% 2004	94½		7.16	7.54
		Conv 9½% 2004	112½		8.44	7.74
		Conv 9½% 2005	112½		8.41	7.74
		Treas 12½% 2003-05	129½		9.68	8.02
		Treas 8% 2002-06	102½		7.81	7.75
		Treas 7¾% 2006	102½		7.71	7.69
		Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123½		9.53	8.12
		Treas 8½% 2007	106½		7.94	7.72
		Treas 13½% 2004-08	139½		9.80	8.05
		Treas 9% 2008	110½		8.11	7.73

LONGS (over 15 years)

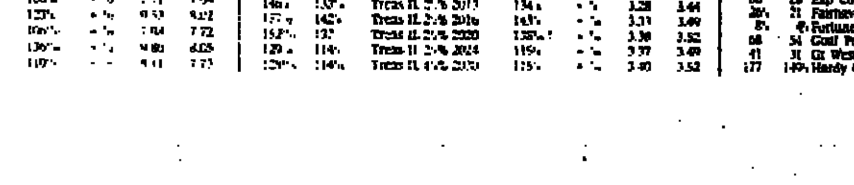
1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115½	98½	Treas 9% 2009	102½		7.81	7.73
126½	109½	Conv 9% 2011	111½	-½	8.04	7.76
127½	109½	Treas 9% 2012	112½		8.01	7.73
93½	77½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	81½	+½	6.72	7.48
114½	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101½	+½	7.66	7.70
117½	100½	Treas 8% 2013	102½		7.78	7.72
159½	137½	Exch 12% 2013-17	140½	-½	8.55	7.92
128½	108½	Treas 8¾% 2017	111		7.88	7.73

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54½	45½	War Ln 3½%	45½	+½	7.70	
37½	29½	Treas 2½%	30½	-½	8.18	

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137½	136½	Treas IL 2% 1996	137½ ↑	-½		
209½	198½	Treas IL 2% 1996	198½		2.16	3.18
113½	106½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107½ ↑	+½	2.46	3.14
175½	163½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169½	+½	2.70	3.16
175½	164½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169½	+½	2.92	3.23
119½	111½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112½ ↑	+½	2.90	3.21
184½	172½	Treas IL 2% 2006	174½	+½	3.02	3.24
169½	155½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157½	+½	3.18	3.38
175½	161½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	167½	+½	3.23	3.41
149½	137½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134½	+½	3.28	3.44
157½	142½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145½	+½	3.31	3.49
152½	137	Treas IL 2½% 2020	138½ ↑	+½	3.38	3.52
129½	114½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	115½	+½	3.37	3.49
129½	114½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	115½	+½	3.40	3.52



Hi-tech wheels in motion

Modern technology has been used in two British designs to improve mobility for disabled people, says Widget Finn

Two award-winning British designs have harnessed modern technology to help disabled people do things for themselves. Robotic engineering has given severely disabled people the independence to feed themselves. Hydraulic systems are used to lift heavy machinery, but can also support weakened limbs so that wheelchair users can do fitness workouts.

The Trimchair — a multi-gym on wheels — is a standard wheelchair which has been adapted by Huw Jones, an engineer, so that his invalid brother could improve his fitness level. The hydraulically operated equipment means that a disabled person can do more than a dozen exercises to strengthen arms and legs in complete safety.

James Ross, 16, a pupil at the Cherry Grove Special School near Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, is an energetic fundraiser. He helped raise £700 towards a Trimchair for his school by singing in a concert and collecting money at the local disco. James enjoys taking part in school sports despite being confined to a wheelchair. Doing a regular workout in the Trimchair, says Lynn Lerwill, his teacher, has helped James build up muscle tone and improve his co-ordination.

All the pupils at Cherry Grove, aged from four to 19, can use the self-propelled chair which is virtually untippable. Even children who were nervous of using it at first become quite confident at doing the exercises, Mr Lerwill says.

Fitness workouts, however, are far beyond the capabilities of people who, through an accident, stroke or physical disability, have to rely on carers for every detail of everyday living. But modern electronics can enable a severely disabled person to operate a computerised control panel with the minimum of movement, giving an independence unthinkable a few years ago.

Peter Higginbottom, who has cerebral palsy, can now feed himself — thanks to his neighbour, Mike Topping. The Handy 1, an award-winning computer-controlled robotic arm, was developed by Mr Topping after he had seen how dependent Peter was on others to feed him. He has no speech and poor hand control. The Handy 1 means that by a movement of the head or eye on a light control switch, he can select the food that he wants from his plate and activate the robotic arm which lifts the food to his mouth.

Mr Topping, a redundant pottery worker, developed the Handy 1 at Keele University as a project for his degree in computer science. On a visit to a special school for disabled children where Peter was a pupil, Mr Topping observed how the most severely disabled children were fed by carers.

"Each member of staff had to feed at least two pupils during a lunch break, so for speed they mashed up the food into an unappetising mess and all the individual tastes were lost," Mr Topping says. "The children 'switched off' through frustration and boredom. Mealtimes, instead of being a social and learning opportunity, were stressful for eater and carer."

Mr Topping decided to design some simple equipment which could be controlled by a severely disabled user with a blink of an eye. The Handy 1 prototype was test-run by Peter at home, where he used it to eat unaided for the first time in his life.

Now more than 100 robot arms are being used in schools, community and adult training centres and homes. The Handy 1 costs £3,950. This includes a follow-up service and six home visits by staff from Robotic Rehabilitation, the company which markets the robot, to train the disabled user.

The bionic arm has won an array of accolades, including the BBC Innovation of the Year and *The Sunday Times* British Innovation Award. With £50,000-worth of sponsorship from industry and charities, Mr Topping's team has adapted the robot to hold a drink, shave or use an electric toothbrush.

There are plans to develop the Handy 1 so that a disabled person can sculpt, paint or play games. However, research and development for each new idea takes 18 months and the unit, which costs £100,000 a year to run, has no regular funding.

There has been an unexpected spin-off from the robotic aid, which Mr Topping calls "robotic therapy". He noticed that people using the Handy 1 were becoming better at eating — it increases mouth control — and their skills were improving in other areas, too. The Handy 1 requires the user to be active, in selecting food and operating the machine, which increases a feeling of independence and self-worth. Robotic devices, Mr Topping says, do more than increase disabled people's mobility. They are an integral part of their training and rehabilitation.

● *Trimchair, £995. Local dealers from V & A Marketing (0222 664564); Handy 1, £3,950 from Rehabilitation Robotics, University of Keele (0782 712774).*

HUW EVANS



James Ross, at the Cherry Grove Special School, enjoys taking part in his school sports days despite being confined to a wheelchair

Impartial advice on 1,000 products

Everyone receives individual attention at the Disabled Living Foundation

Disabled Living Foundation (DLF) provides practical advice and information on living with disability for disabled and elderly people and their carers. The London centre has more than 1,000 products on display ranging from stairlifts to bottle openers. A database carries details of another 10,000 items.

All equipment is on loan from the manufacturers and staff are therefore able to give impartial advice. "It is important for people to try equipment out and have it explained so they can make an informed decision about what is right for them," Christine Buckley, head of advice services, says.

Visitors come to the centre by appointment and are shown round by a health care professional who discusses individual requirements. "We can recommend a course of action, such as getting a wheelchair on home trial," Ms Buckley says. "We also encourage people to think about the priorities. Some wheelchairs are heavy and difficult to fold up. This doesn't matter if you only put it in a car twice a year, but is very important if you do it twice a week."

> "I was at the mercy of salesmen and liable to make a mistake"

Beryl Jones came away from a Disabled Living Centre with a sheaf of brochures and plenty of practical advice. Planning to install a shower unit for her husband, Edgar, who is incapacitated by a stroke, she started looking for suppliers by going through the *Yellow Pages*.

"I quickly realised that I would need specialist equipment," Mrs Jones says, "but I was at the mercy of eager salesmen and liable to make an expensive mistake." Staff at the DLF's equipment centre advised her to choose a shower unit with thermostatic controls. "That is not something which I had thought was necessary, until the information officer pointed it out," she says. "And although I'd decided on the make of unit, I was told it would be sensible to get several estimates."

There are three display kitchens at the centre. The "In Touch" kitchen is dedicated to visual impairment. Colour contrasts in the units and equipment help people with low vision, while tactile knobs, whistling kettles and speaking scales make use of the other senses. A kitchen for wheelchair users has adjustable height features and extra-wide doors.

The showroom area is divided into 20 sections including specialist seating, which features motorised chairs; a communications corner, with telephones for people with speech and sight problems; and mobility. The environmental control stand has remote control switches for closing the curtains or opening the front door. Clothing, footwear and personal care products are also on display.

More than 5,000 visitors go to the centre each year, about half being disabled people accompanied by friends or carers. The service is also used by health care professionals, medical students and architects.

The Disabled Living Centre has a helpline providing advice on equipment, where it can be obtained and how to get funding to pay for it. The helpline, and the information service, is free even though the DLF estimates that it costs £15 to answer a telephone enquiry and £35 to show a person around the centre.

The DLF has a programme of training courses for professionals on a variety of subjects including moving and handling people and maximising wheelchair mobility. Its publications are geared to health care specialists, but the DLF also produces booklets for the general public, and will soon be publishing a book aimed at disabled air travellers.

Established in 1970, the DLF is launching a £1 million Silver Jubilee Appeal to extend its showrooms and establish a disability information system. "We plan to make it available on tape and CD-Rom," Ms Buckley says.

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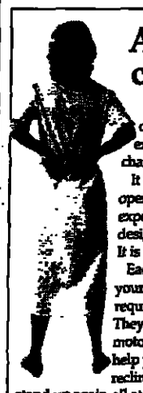
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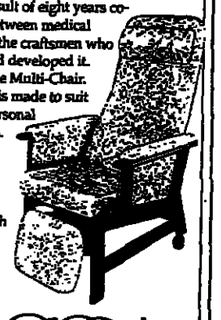


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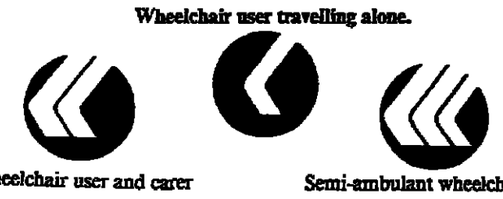
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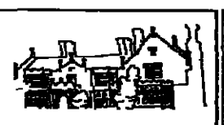
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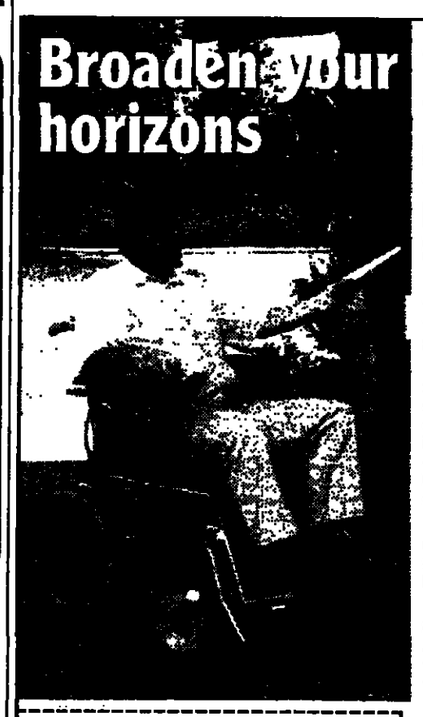
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In the town and in the country there are signs that planners and developers are heeding the conservation message



Modern horror: Tudor timbering on a Georgian house in the heart of a Brighton conservation area

Farewell to all that fake

Conservation areas have been given a government boost, **Rachel Kelly** says

At last, mock-Tudor beams, tacky stone facing, garish roof tiles and plastic windows may be banned from the 7,500 slices of village and townscape which have been designated conservation areas.

After months of lobbying, a conference last autumn, and a government consultation paper, David Curry, the planning minister, this month announced a clampdown on alterations to homes in these "areas of special or historic interest".

Two years ago, a report by the English Historic Towns Forum, representing 49 local authorities, said: "There are more planning controls over the appearance of an inner-city tower block than a house in a conservation area." A loophole called "permitted development" allowed such alterations as smothering a Victorian terraced house in pebble-dash, installing mock-Tudor beams over a Georgian doorway, or replacing sash windows with fake leaded lights in plastic frames. Local authorities, which designate conservation areas and control planning within them, were powerless to act.

Mr Curry said that local authorities would now be allowed to withdraw "permitted development" rights for certain changes. "We accept that conservation areas merit protection from harmful change. We have concluded that each planning authority should be enabled to identify conservation areas which merit additional protection and to introduce stricter control in these areas."

In particular, those authorities would have a new power to issue a "direction" withdrawing homeowners' current rights to change the external appearance of their homes including doors, windows, roofs and frontages.

The process would be simple. Authorities would not require the Secretary of State in the environment's approval. But they would have to publicise their proposals in advance and canvass the views of local people. The proposals are likely to become law as soon as parliamentary time can be found.

To conservationists, the news is welcome, but fears remain. Dr William Filmer-Sankey, director of the Victorian Society and a leading campaigner for change, says: "I am concerned that the power to protect conservation areas is going to be at the discretion of individual local authorities. We would have wanted an across-the-board reform, affecting all councils."

The worry, he says, is that local authorities could simply select the "best" conservation areas, to the detriment of less attractive ones. "We are concerned not just about magnificent Georgian terraces, but also large-scale housing such as the garden suburbs."

Most homeowners will be pleased that planning controls are to be strengthened, Dr Filmer-Sankey says. "The vast majority are depressed that local authorities haven't had stronger powers in the past."

For those who feel the freedom to alter their own home as they choose has been unfairly curtailed, he has this message: "They should realise that they have a wider reponsibility to the country in which they live to preserve what are historic areas."

Tailoring the estate to the existing village

A scheme to involve local residents in the design of new buildings has borne fruit

The march of the Identikit housing estate in the countryside is at last coming to an end. This January, the Countryside Commission drew up its blueprint for improving the appearance of country developments: "Design in this Countryside." The theory was that local villagers would be actively involved in design. With the help of the Bristol-based environmental consultants BDOR, which has helped the Countryside Commission draw up its policy document, they would produce a "Village Design Statement".

The first result of that initiative has happened in Yoxall, East Staffordshire. Designs for a tiny new housing development had to be changed to fit in with villagers' opinion of what gives the place its unique character.

Now BDOR are helping the Commission to do three similar Village Design Statements as an experiment to see if they can be used as models throughout the country.

The villagers and their parish council of Yoxall first produced their own Village Design Statement that pinpoints what gives Yoxall an identity.

Mr Ian Davison, director of BDOR, accepts that villages need to evolve, but says people resist new development because they think they have to accept standard buildings he feels are more appropriate in a city.

"We did a broad brush Countryside Design Summary for East Staffs, and wanted a way of refining ideas about local character by asking villagers to think about it. We ran a workshop in Yoxall village hall one Saturday. People thought they knew nothing about designs because it was for architects, but we set them tasks like photographing buildings.

"At the end of the day, they realised they could say an awful lot about design. We took the idea of what they'd like to see, wrote them up as guidance notes and the council published them in a leaflet which has been included in the local plan.

"This is a way of democratising the planning process and helping people get involved in what happened in their area rather than feeling powerless," said Mr Davison. "After all, they are the people who live there."

Principal planner, local planning, for East Staffs, Philip Somerfield, said both the borough and the parish council were pleased with the exercise.

"The workshop was a fairly time-consuming exercise but it worked very well, everyone got something out of it," he said. "We saw it as a chance for the borough to take a lead. When you ask a developer to make changes, it helps if it's not just you and your committee who are asking, but you've got the local people on board too."

This has been published and adopted as part of the local plan used for guidance by East Staffs planners. An application for seven houses from Crest Homes (Midlands) was the first to be considered for planning permission under the new system.

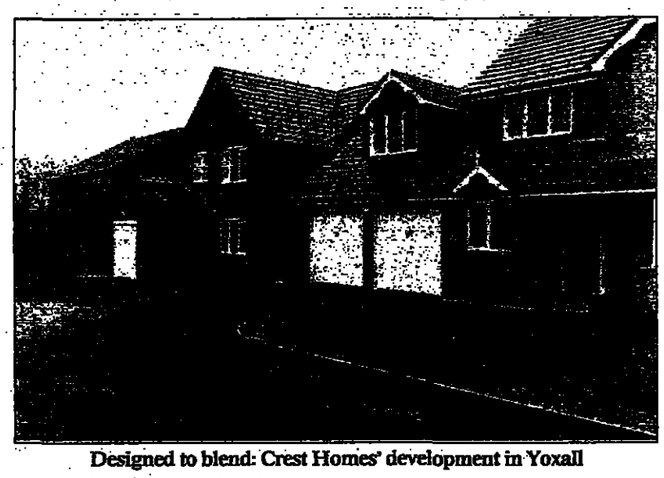
Sure enough, the planners asked Crest to change the details of their standard house designs, the Badminton, Clarendon, Balcombe and Purbeck, to reflect the surroundings.

Mr Somerfield said: "We weren't happy with Crest's layout for the site, and their standard designs. They accepted the point and were open to negotiation. So they used a brick that was more in keeping with Yoxall, removed the Tudor-style rendering and the reconstituted Bath stone cornerwork, and kept the hedges and trees that were there."

Crest Homes (Midlands) were "slightly put out" that changes were needed admitted planning manager Christopher Chaplin. "Then we thought it would be an opportunity to do a prestige development that could be a flagship for us," he said.

"We altered some roof pitches, used simpler window frames, which we painted rather than stained. They didn't want Tudor render or contrasting lintels, and the site layout was changed to give a courtyard effect. In fact the changes probably didn't cost any extra, and all bar one of the houses, which cost £150,000, have sold."

CHRISTINE WEBB



Designed to blend: Crest Homes' development in Yoxall

A fresh lease of life for council estates

Jackie Williams and **Yvonne Thomas** on the first scheme in Britain where council residents manage a borough's housing stock

Tenants and leaseholders throughout the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea voted overwhelmingly to manage their own council housing last month in the first borough-wide vote of its kind in the UK.

Ninety-three per cent of voters (5,603 out of 6,062), residents in the boroughs, adopted the Government's revolutionary scheme introduced in the citizen's charter White Paper in 1992 and outlined later by Sir George Young, the housing minister. They will be the first in Britain to manage a borough's entire housing stock — in this case 9,700 council dwellings, worth an estimated £110 million, through their own Tenant Management Organisation (TMO).

Representatives from the borough, which extends from the Harrow Road to World's End, favoured the flexibility of the scheme which leaves the housing ownership in council hands, but allows tenants and leaseholders to manage housing finances, including rent collection, letting, caretaking and repairs.

The TMO — which includes unpaid representatives from the borough's 58 Tenants and Residents Associations together with three councillors and four expert consultants — will take a final vote of approval on policy details in October, and be ready to start to operate by January, 1995.

Martyn Kingsford, the director of the housing services, said the borough had been working to develop this partnership with tenants and leaseholders for the past 14 months.

"Residents associations were frightened that private companies with no accountability would raise rents and service charges," Patrick Mason, a Labour councillor, says.

"It would lead to evictions and more homelessness. This is a Tory borough and there are not many things that both parties agree about, but Labour and Tory councillors are very pleased with this result. The idea for the TMO came from our housing and social services department. We thought the Department of the Environment might not accept it, but it did. No doubt other borough councils will go for it too, now."

John Keys, the chairman of the tenants' steering group which has been working towards the TMO for two years, says they expect the property management to be more efficient, cheaper and focused on what the tenants say they want.

"Increased efficiency will lead to better service with possibly fewer people which means we may be able to engender work from outside," he says.

"For example, we will have the expertise and organisation to take on work from other areas, such as the maintenance of lawns for private estates and trusts, and setting up community alarm services."

Extra funds earned in this way could be spent on the council estates. "Once the TMO is set up, employees in the council housing service department will transfer over to the TMO, so they will be working for the tenants directly," Mr Keys says.

There are eight council estates in the Royal Borough. The TMO will manage all but one — the Lancaster West Estate — which has its own management group. Its chairman, John McCusker, said tenants there had already seen the benefits of self-management.

While the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is one of the most Conservative of the London boroughs, Robert Weems, a Labour councillor, stressed the scheme had all-party support.

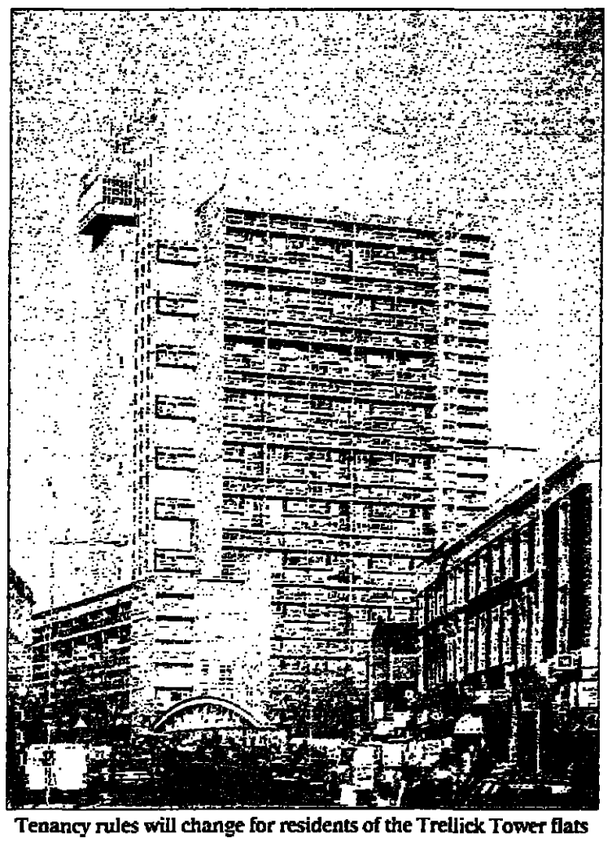
According to the Department of the Environment, estates in seven other London boroughs, including Camden and Wandsworth, and four others outside London, have voted individual estate TMOs, one of which is on Broadwater Farm. Another 67 are in the initial stages of preparing feasibility studies.

Because the Government has told local authorities to divest themselves of council housing management by 1996, the alternative would have been to contract it out to private companies.

Government strategy to obtain value for money defined that all council services should be subject to Compulsory Competitive Tendering (CCT) by 1996 where contract values annually exceeded £500,000. In housing services this can prove expensive so either Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT) to an outside Housing Association or a TMO are preferred.

Many Labour councils, according to a TMO representative, have still not informed their tenants and leaseholders of these options and CCT will therefore come into force automatically.

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Busy Residential Lettings Department requires a flexible team member with good telephone skills. Experience in Wordperfect 5.1 an advantage.

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Word for Windows & S/h

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Salary Neg + 5 Weeks Holidays + 4 days Ski Conference + BUPA

Our dynamic & fast growing international management development consultancy has a brilliant opening for a motivated & enthusiastic individual to be entirely responsible for our London office.

Applicants should be aged between 22-30, & possess the following skills:-

- Excellent organisational skills.
- Accurate typing skills (60 wpm).
- Fluent knowledge of Word for Windows 6.0.
- Experience of design & spreadsheet programmes preferable.
- Sharp communication skills.
- Self initiative, a sense of humour & an ability to cope with pressure.

Please send a detailed CV with references to:-

Katy Barrett
3 Duke Street, London W1M 6BA
Tel: 071 487 2700/Fax: 071 487 3254
NO AGENCIES PLEASE

BELGRAVIA PA/OFFICE ADMIN
£20K +

M.D. of small busy property/corp fin co, foreign govt rep, in pleasant offices needs prof PA with initiative, min 70 wpm audio, pref small co exp and poss legal past.

Please send CVs to: Alison Mather, Weald Group plc, 3 Chesham Street, London SW1X 8ND or fax 071 823 1077. *Cov let confirm current audio wpm and any small co and legal exp helpful.*

PA - WESTMINSTER

Small International specialist magazine seeks bright young PA for 8-10 month contract (ideally from June/July) while Advertising Co-ordinator on maternity leave. Must like using phone and have 2 years' office experience. Compaq with Wordperfect for Windows. Salary £14,000.

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ADMIN. ASS. No secretarial - purely organisation!! This busy training centre is looking for a bright candidate to co-ordinate their courses. A position for a strong administrator with excellent presentation and communication skills. You are cheerful, proactive and an excellent teamplayer.

PA/SEC. This director has a hectic diary which needs organising! He is an excellent delegator who will involve you from day one. You will have extensive client liaison and will be working alongside young artists, musicians and designers. You will be actively involved with presentations so solid secretarial experience is essential.

Call Claire Hawker on 071 225 1888 to hear more.

VICTORIA WALL ASSOCIATES

We Need You!
£15-18,000 +
Bonus/ovt/M.S.

As Recruitment Consultants we are always trying to attract further top quality candidates. Situated in the City, many of our clients are centred around the financial world and therefore include large and successful merchant and investment banks. Requests are constantly being made for secretaries with shorthand of 80+ wpm, typing of 60+ wpm and those from a steady financial, especially corporate finance background ie: Corporate Finance/Fund Management/Human Resources. £18,000 + Bens. If you would like to discuss how we can open new doors for you and explore future career opportunities in the City please call Caroline Tyers on 071 377 9919.

HOBSTONES
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

A World of Opportunity

£15-17,000 – Mayfair

We presently have a number of high quality openings for skilled secretaries with at least twelve months' work experience. A very prestigious international oil company is looking for team secretaries with the ability to absorb pressure and technical know-how. A leading property firm needs quick-minded secretaries who can handle a largely admin-based role. Additional openings exists within two of our other clients in the field of business consultancy. If you have fast accurate typing (and perhaps audio), why not explore the options? Call 071-493 5787.

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Film/video – c.£14,000

Exciting opportunity for a lively, switched-on young secretary in the film and video division of one of the UK's top business communication companies. Working for the principal Producer and an assistant you will enjoy a busy, multi-faceted role – meetings, diaries, telephone liaison and all of the admin relating to video production/library etc. Good keyboard skills (60wpm+) essential. Some film/video experience useful, although energy, enthusiasm and willingness to learn are the key attributes. Please call 071-409 1232.

THE WORK SHOP
Recruitment Consultants to the Communications Industry

In The Money
£18,000 + Free Lunch

This prestigious Plc based in SW1 are looking for a shorthand secretary with four years minimum experience to work for two charming Deputy Chief Executives. This exciting and at times demanding role will require a diplomatic approach as you will be liaising with high profile clients. Essentially you will be highly organised with a smart appearance, confident manner and a good sense of humour! This position offers excellent benefits, and a good social atmosphere. Age 20-26. 80+SH/60+ typing. Finance background preferred. Please call Kate Martin 071 437 6032.

HOBSTONES
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

Young Career PA
£17,500 + Banking Bens

Well established International Bank has an exciting new opportunity for a young, energetic and enthusiastic team player looking for a demanding and pressurised role with prospects. As Assistant/PA within a high profile division, responsibilities will include the production of extensive documentation to deadlines, extracting information from a database and assisting with research projects, as well as organising overseas travel itineraries and client meetings. This role requires dedication and an individualistic approach, combined with 60 wpm typing and Microsoft Word for Windows or WordPerfect 5.1. A-levels essential. Age: 22-30. Please call Katherine Hall on 071 377 8827 for more details.

Crone Corkill
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

FASHION/PUBLISHING SEC/PA c£19,000

A dynamic role assisting the Managing Director of this well known publishing group. This is a varied position giving you satisfaction and involvement at the sharp end of glossy magazine publications. Ideally you will be mid 20's, calm and confident with senior level experience and superb shorthand/typing skills. French and a certain "je-ne-sais-quoi" appreciated.

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Elizabeth Hunt
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

PA £18,000 FILMS

This world famous company needs an organised and proactive PA to assist their Vice President of European sales and marketing. Your boss travels extensively and you will ensure the smooth running of the office in his absence. Your flexibility, on the ball approach and excellent inter-personal skills will be utilised to the full. Previous similar experience and 60 wpm WP essential. Age 25-35.

Please telephone 071 499 8070

Elizabeth Hunt
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PERSONAL ASSISTANT – £17 - £19,000 + 10% BONUS & BENEFITS

This is a newly created position within one of the City's most prestigious financial houses, supporting three charming Directors. There will be variety and involvement, requiring office management skills, several years at board level and total discretion. Experience of Corporate Finance or similar would be an advantage, however, ability to perform under pressure, in an ever changing environment is preferred. We see a well educated, executive personal assistant who will integrate as part of the management structure being ideally suited to the culture of this organisation. Shorthand 90-100 wpm, Typing 60 wpm and Wordperfect 5.1.

Please telephone 071 628 9529.

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PA/SECRETARY TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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£20,000 + Benefits

We are a rapidly expanding high technology company in the satellite television business. Our dynamic Chief Executive needs a highly organised, personable and well-educated PA to co-ordinate and manage his hectic schedule and to provide first class secretarial support.

Excellent shorthand and typing (100/70 Word for Windows) is essential, as is commitment and willingness to work long hours when necessary.

Please telephone Amanda Hodsman on 0628 74774 for more information, or fax your CV on 0628 36120.

Life Of Luxury! to £12,000 + bens

This very famous name in luxury accessories has a fabulous opportunity for a junior secretary. Based in a busy department, this position offers great potential. Initially you will work closely with 2 managers and their friendly assistant and your duties will include travel arranging, assisting with the running of the department and general secretarial support. Age 18-23, 45+ wpm typing. Please call Charlotte on 071 437 6032.

HOBSTONES
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

Personnel Manager's
Secretary

London SW1
c.£18,000

FLOYD ADVERTISING CONFIDENTIAL REPLY SERVICE

Our client is a major international organisation. They are currently seeking an experienced secretary of the highest calibre to assist the Personnel Manager at their Corporate Headquarters.

The chief responsibilities involve the provision of efficient all-round secretarial support to the Personnel Manager and the running of the computerised payroll system. There is considerable telephone and face-to-face contact requiring excellent communication skills.

Articulate, numerate and with an eye for detail, you will possess fast, accurate typing skills (60 wpm) along with the ability to work on your own initiative. A good standard of education, coupled with computer experience is essential. Our client uses: AS400, Lotus 123, Software 2000 (payroll/personnel system) and Word for Windows – knowledge of these would be advantageous, although training will be available. Previous Personnel experience would also be useful, but is by no means essential.

Our client offers an excellent benefits package that includes BUPA, non-contributory pension scheme and staff restaurant.

In the first instance, please write with full c.v., quoting Ref: PS 398 to: Floyd Advertising Confidential Reply Service, 130 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SA.

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Secretary to the Head of Organisation Division
Starting Salary c£13,200

Experienced secretary required to work with Manager to ensure the smooth running of the office. This varied and challenging role also involves assisting a small team with the organisation of the British Pharmaceutical conference.

Experienced in audio and WP, the successful candidate will be able to demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Benefits include flexi-time, 25 days holiday and subsidised staff restaurant.

For further details please contact: Vivienne Murch, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN or phone 071 735 9141 ext 373 (pm only).

Closing date for applications: 27 April 1994.

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ATTRACTIVE BASIC SALARY + BONUS

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PA in Finance - SE1 17k+bens Accurate typing & WP5.1 essen. Suit mature applicant.

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City firm established over 20 years with a small friendly long-service team. Wide variety of high quality work for MD and another Senior Director: assignment administration, PA/secretarial, telephone research. Training will be given.

You need to have 'A' level or degree standard of education; possess excellent technical skills (Word for Windows) and audio; have the confidence to handle senior people; have good communication skills on the telephone in person and like organising. Age 20's - 30's.

Please write to Philippa Clarkson, with full CV, at Haley BDC, 63 Mansell Street, London, E1 8AN

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To £20,000 + benefits

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Marketing Secretary Baker St
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This world renowned organisation needs a resilient team secretary to work in its dynamic marketing division. You'll become involved in PR activities & advertising & promotional campaigns for which you'll produce a variety of graphic material on WP5.1 & Windows. If you've good shorthand, typing & admin skills & enjoy working in a fast & frenetic (but fun & friendly) environment, this would appeal to you. The package of benefits offered includes substantial company discounts & excellent working conditions.

Call SAM or CHRIS
071 935 7248
111 Baker Street, W1

Office Angels
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Legal Secretary Mayfair
£17,000

A senior Partner of this medium-sized company of solicitors needs the support of a highly competent secretary to process his heavy caseload. Specialising in company commercial & conveyancing, this is predominantly a typing role, however there is some client liaison involved, so in addition to very accurate Wang skills & excellent spelling, you'll be well-spoken & the soul of discretion.

Call ALAINE or MICHELLE
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Work for these two extremely busy fee earners of a prestigious legal firm near Fleet Street, if you're an experienced legal secretary happy to type for most of the day. Producing all manner of documentation, reports & correspondence using WP5.1, candidates should be well-presented, personable & have a minimum of two years experience in legal property.

Call ALAINE or MICHELLE
071 430 2531
115 High Holborn, WC1

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Shipping Federation (ISF) are the trade association and employers' federation, respectively, for the shipping industry worldwide, representing the interests of national shipowners' associations in 40 countries. The two organisations are serviced by a joint secretariat, Marisec.

Marisec is now looking for a young graduate to join its twelve-strong team as an Administrative Assistant. The qualifications are a good degree, a lively mind, the ability to communicate clearly and concisely, adaptability, administrative skills and an awareness of international affairs.

The appointment offers excellent opportunities for a candidate able to accept early responsibility in a fascinating international industry.

The Marisec offices are currently located on the eastern edge of the City, but a move to the Barbican area is planned for mid-year.

Starting salary will be in the region of £12,000–£12,500. Benefits include a good contributory pension scheme, 20 days holiday, rising to 25 and an annual season ticket loan.

Further details and an application form, to be returned by Friday 6 May 1994, can be obtained from:

Mr J Curnow,
Manager – Personnel & Aministration,
Marisec, 2-5 Minories,
London EC3N 1BJ.
Tel: 071-702 1100 *ext* 256.

(no agencies please)

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As Conference Administrator you will quickly be able to assume responsibility for organising various aspects of our sizeable conference and training programme, playing a key role within a small team, both in the office and on-site at events, in and outside London.

The post demands a mature, professional outlook, excellent organisational skills, a flexible attitude and a willingness to work outside the usual 9-to-5 routine.

Educated to 'A' level standard, word processing skills and computer literacy are essential - driver/own car an asset.

Salary in the range £14,000 - £15,000 depending upon experience. Six weeks' holiday, non-contributory pension, medical insurance, childcare fund and other generous benefits.

Please apply in writing before Wednesday, 27 April 1994 with CV to:

Tracy Connors
Conference Manager
IRS Training
18-20 Highbury Place
London N5 1QP

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Shorthand PA £21,000.
Working for Snr Partner in company law in the City.

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The Senior Partner of a Small West End Practice.

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Several positions in the City.

Float Secretaries £16-£18,000.
Age 21-40

Young Conveyancing Secretaries. £17,800.
Age 21+.

For more information on these and other positions call on 071 836 0041.

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£20,000 + BKG BENS

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Superb opportunity to enter the prestigious field of Private Clients with this top European Investment Bank. Working as an Assistant to two very successful traders you will organise their every move as well as have a great deal of contact with their clients. You must be very well presented and well spoken with the ability to communicate effectively at all levels. It is a friendly and lively team based in SW1 and they would like someone cheerful and outgoing who has a genuine interest in the financial sector. Ideally in your mid 20's with solid experience and excellent computer skills. Call Sarah on 071 225 1888.

VICTORIA WALL ASSOCIATES

VIEW FROM THE TOP

to £20,000 + Superb Benefits

Your enthusiastic approach within this challenging position will be fully appreciated by these 3 dynamic executives. Dealing with extensive travel itineries, legal forms and swop documentation. Typing is of a minimum. Excellent prospects. Shorthand skills distinct advantage.

Please call 071-486 6951
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Our clients range from media to City companies and we currently have long & short term temporary bookings as well as exciting permanent opportunities.

Pop in for a glass of wine and an informal chat with one of our consultants or call us on 071 408 0424 and move on to pastures new!

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A well established property management company with estate agency and lettings department requires a mature, computer literate, secretary with proven administration and very good organisational abilites. Must be very hardworking, unflappable and enjoy working in a small office environment.

Location Pimlico.
Preferred age 23 to 30.
Salary £16,000 + bonus + car.
Please apply in writing with full CV to:

MORETONS
26 Denbigh Street,
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Fax: 071 932 0626

Career Opportunity Junior Sales Assistant

£14-18,000 + bens

Our client, a leading US finance house based in the Docklands has an exciting new opening to train as a Sales Assistant. Learning first hand from an experienced Assistant, you will join a team based in the middle of the trading floor. Initially you will be inputting sales tickets, checking daily reports, organising roadshows, international travel and submitting expenses. Educated to A-level standard, you will be numerate, ambitious to progress and have excellent typing (60 wpm), WP and spreadsheet skills. Age: 20's. Please call Claire Ashley on 071 377 3827 for further information.

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RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

Headhunting At Its Best!

£19,000-£21,000

Join this prestigious International Executive Search Consultancy as secretary to a highly successful consultant. He needs an intelligent, hard working person who can liaise at all levels with charm and diplomacy. This is a busy role for someone who likes never having a dull moment, has fast audio/wp skills (shorthand useful) and who is socially poised. 'A' levels and a sound cv necessary. Age 24-32. Please call Elizabeth Wood on 071 434 4512.

Crone Corkill
RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

PA TO MANAGING DIRECTOR

£18,000 ++

GRADUATE appointments

At last! A unique role arises for an experienced senior secretary to dedicate themselves to a one-to-one role. An excellent track record plus polished secretarial skills (including WP 6.0 and Lotus) are pre-requisite; as are a sparkling personality and the ability to assume responsibility for the smooth running of a highly professional, busy office.

This prestigious Covent Garden based company is growing through acquisition so this is an ideal time to join the MD and be part of the success story.

Please apply by calling Yolande on 071-379 0333

Telephone 071-379 0333

£20,000 + mortgage subsidy + bonuses + subsidised lunches

Team secretary, 25-30, needed for international bank. This is a newly created position and involves arranging complex travel itineraries as well as secretarial support for 2 directors. A bright personality, stable work record, 'O's and 80+ shorthand are required. Friendly atmosphere, newly refurbished offices.

Call 071 377 8600

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The Secretarial Specialists

TOP P.A./CONFERENCE ORGANISER

Career Position

Educated and ambitious PA is required for a small, City-based management consultancy active in the international oil industry, initially to co-ordinate high-level overseas conferences. The ideal candidate (probably single, aged 28-40) will be a socially adept self-starter, a first-class organiser and excellent communicator, able to work under extreme pressures to a demanding standard. French an advantage. Very attractive prospects & package.

Hand-written applications (with photo and cv) to the Personnel Director, EEE Ltd, 49 Hays Mews, London W1X 7RT.

PERSONNEL - £19,000

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DIRECTORS' SECRETARIES
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Legal PA/Secretary to Partner

West End **£20,000**

We are currently seeking an exceptional individual with superb organisational and secretarial skills. A strong legal background, preferably with commercial property is also essential.

In addition, there are a number of opportunities for Legal Secretaries within company commercial & conveyancing, in the City & West End.

For more information call
Reed Employment on 071-481 2661

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★ An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Fundraising Department of this large youth organisation for a PA/Secretary with shorthand and computer skills. Salary: £11,436 - £13,863 according to experience.

★ We are also looking for an efficient Part-Time Secretary/Telephone Switchboard Relief, to work from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Monday-Friday. Salary £6,000.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday, 20 April 1994

Please reply with CV to: Mrs Reggie Davies
Youth Clubs UK
11 St. Bride Street
London, EC4A 4AS

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TRADING FLOOR ADMIN
£18,500 + bank bens
Work for one of this bank's most profitable teams, providing full admin back-up. Ideal chance to move from secretarial to a more responsible admin role. Age 25-30. Call Alex Butterworth.

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Excellent opportunity to join the personnel dept of a top investment bank. You must be confident to handle a tough but exciting environment. Age: 25-30. Good sec skills essential. Call Sarah Turnbull.

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LEGAL EAGLE

West End commercial law firm requires secretary for partner. Legal and Wordperfect exp req;

NO AGENCIES.

Sal £15,000 p.a. plus.

Tel: 071 637 3871. Ref: JB.

MULTI-LINGUAL OPPORTUNITIES

GERMAN Part-time Secs for N London & Essex co's. 45 wpm typing. Sal & hours neg. The Language Specialists. Morrow Agy 071 499 3939

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ARABIC 18K 80SH. Large bank-ing committee requires a PA capable of organising and host-ing social functions. Immacu-late presentation and charming manner essential to work for a senior member of the invest-ment division. Arabic useful but not essential. You will need at least five years working experi-ence. Call Angela Mortimer Rec. Cons. on 071 287 7788.

BILINGUAL German Adminis-trator Sec with solid commer-cial exp for Intl Co. Knwl of English accts systems ess + lots of client contact. £18K++. Lan-guage Recruitment Services 071 287 0424

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DRAKE International. French MT PA (good English) for young, dynamic, high profile co. SH in both languages ess. Strong personality, good com-municator, negotiating ability. Call Veronique on 071 925 9233. (agy).

FRENCH (in Middx.) Truely bilin-gual, multi-faceted role with flu-ent French. Mainly admin involved in this position, as well as plenty of liaison with clients and suppliers. Some marketing, PR and conference organising duties involved in this varied secretarial role. Salary £17,000 + bens. Appointments-Bi-Lan-guage 071 355 1975 Fax. 071 499 0868.

FRENCH speaker required to work in the Personnel depart-ment of this very well known fashion retail company in W1. You will have one year's secretarial experience in any field, and good skills (80+ wpm typing). Age 21-25, salary £13,000. Please call Charlotte on 071 437 6032 (Hobsbones Rec Cons).

FRENCH speaking secretary with English shorthand and min 3 years' experience to work for senior Director in Corporate Finance. Full PA role with high language content and client con-tact. £17,000 + generous bank-ing benefits. Call Lisa on 071 434 4512. Crone Corkill Multi-lingual rec cons.

GERMAN speaking Assistant in Banking. Banking experience essential (preferably with Regis-tered Representative exams) to work in this mainly administra-tive role. Mainly client contact and dealing with other Interna-tional finance house and bro-kerages. WP skills essential (45 wpm typing). Real scope. Provi-sions secretarial experience is essential. Age 25-35. £18-20,000. Appointments-Bi-Lan-guage 071 355 1975 Fax. 071 499 0868.

GERMAN speaking Receptionist. Bilingual front office position. Very glamourous role, mainly meeting and greeting clients. Some switchboard. The ideal candidate will be polished, have relevant experience and be aged 20-25 years old. This is a major international finance house based in the City. £12-16,000 + perks & bonuses & other bens. Appointments-Bi-Language 071 355 1975 Fax. 071 499 0868.

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GERMAN MT Sec with SH in both langs. City bank. 25-35. £15K + b bens. Lang Specia-lists, Morrow Agy 071 499 3939

ITALIAN/Spanish speaking (Eng-lish M'tongue) secretary for Design Company, Chelsea area. Suitable candidates should be in their twenties, be able to undertake projects on their own initiative & have sound secre-tarial skills (WP 5). Excellent salary & working conditions. Mrs Penner 071 259 6999. Rosemary Bureau.

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ITALIAN Sil Legal Sec to Snr Partner. Excl opp for a/a to further legal career. £21-22K + bens. The Language Specialists. Morrow Agy 071 499 3939

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The carnival is on again

The Seekers are back, for two nights only. **Alan Jackson** asks Judith Durham what she has found

JAMES MORGAN



Judith Durham at 50 — "People actually grieved for us. That's why we're here now, to say thank you and that this really is it"

At the height of their success, their record sales rivalled those of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, but in many ways they were an antidote to the 1960s. In the cuttings files marked "The Seekers" there is no mention of drugs or psychedelia or running off to India in search of paradise with this, that or the other yogi. Nor, on a new compilation *A Carnival Of Hits*, can there be found any narcotic images, wailing guitars or anti-establishment views. Jaunty, tuneful, Salvation Army-like in their innocent appeal, tracks such as "Morningtown Ride", "Georgy Girl" and "A World Of Our Own" remind us what the less-than-groovy were listening to while the rest of the world went Carnaby Street-crazy.

The Seekers' reign did not last for long. "I'll Never Find Another You", their first single, topped the British charts in January 1965, while their last major success came in September 1967 with "When Will The Good Apples Fall". But for a time they were invincible, and might have remained so for longer had the pure-voiced Judith Durham not steeled herself to say she felt compromised by the group's two-dimensional image and unfulfilled by its relentlessly upbeat songs. A second Seekers No 1, "The Carnival Is Over", provided an obvious soundtrack to the subsequent disagreements and final disintegration.

"On a personal level it was a wrench, although it was all very amicable," says Durham, a thoughtful, softly-spoken woman, now aged 50. "I was stepping off a cliff, and I didn't do that lightly — it took me two years to find the courage to say I wanted to leave, and I gave the boys six months' notice, as had always been our agreement.

"So the shock was not within the group itself, but among the public, and that is a major regret to me. People actually grieved for us. They couldn't understand how it could have happened. We should have prepared them better. And that's why we're here now, to say thank you and that this really is it."

"This" means two appearances at the Albert Hall this week, the end of a series of 100 dates across the group's native Australia and in New Zealand.

Durham had remained resistant to the idea of a comeback despite a steady stream of inducements in the 1970s and 1980s. Then, in 1990, she was hospitalised after a serious motor accident and found herself in a mood to reassess. "It brought home to me just how vulnerable we all are, and how the four of us would have had the option taken from us had I been killed. Plus I got a lot of letters in hospital from people telling me how much the old songs had meant to them. Eventually I contacted the others and we met for dinner, the first time we had even been in a room together for 25 years."

While Durham had travelled extensively with her British husband, the musician Ron Edgeworth, lowering her showbiz profile by recording jazz, gospel and Dixieland material from the 1930s and 1940s, her compatriots had followed divergent paths. Keith Potger had been instrumental in forming the New Seekers, then moved into record production and PR. Bruce Woodley became a successful jingle-writer. Athol Guy spent eight years as a Liberal representative in the Victoria Parliament, and now runs a business consultancy. All four will return to their separate lives after this week's nostalgia-drenched concerts.

Durham's excitement at completing an album of self-written, contemporary songs for an Australian label has been sadly tempered by the recent diagnosis that Edgeworth is suffering from motor neuron disease. He can no longer play the piano — an album recorded at the Newport Jazz Festival stands as testimony to their synchronicity — and, though intent on coming with her to London, he had to cancel his plans after a fall.

"We've been married 24 years now and chose not to have children, which at the time was considered a little revolutionary," Durham says. "We've never regretted it though and have been very lucky together. Ron has helped me develop beyond recognition as a person. He's a very forward-thinking, kind man, always bringing new ideas into our lives — ideas I've hungered for, but wouldn't have found on my own."

She is almost (not quite) beyond recognition physically, too. Tiny, intense, dressed in fashionable folds of Issey Miyake black, she commands attention without even trying in the corner of a London hotel lounge. But where is the broad and bonny girl with tambourine who wore eccentric gingham gowns?

"I made those outfits myself, which just shows you where my head was at," she says, and laughs. "I'd always sewn for myself, basically because I had a weight problem and felt I could come up with things that looked less matronly than the size 14s or 16s in the shops. I was wearing what girls in Australia wore at the time."

Once she had the dress, off she would go in search of matching shoes, gloves and handbag. "Back in Melbourne, you wouldn't have left the house without them. But suddenly we were projected as pop stars and everyone was saying pityingly: 'Oh, *when* will Judy Durham *ever* get *with it*?' " The classic insult came from a *Melody Maker* reviewer: "She looks more like Queen's Pudding than King's Road."

Today it is repeated with a fond chuckle, but at the time it cut to the quick. "In my heart, I desperately wanted to be hip, to be really slim and dress like all the dolly birds. But I never really cracked that one back then. I felt self-conscious and uncomfortable a lot of the time."

If she was beyond fashion, so was the Seekers' music, but that has not stopped it living on. Going back to the songs has been a pleasure, she says, because she has embraced them for what they are. "They're not challenging. They reach audiences in a very simple way. But singing them in harmony with the group again has proved a lovely experience. And sharing them with audiences who know every note is a very special joy."

Although Durham's thoughts may be half a world away with her husband, she is giving this temporary reunion her very best shot. "It's been humbling for all of us to find we created something so long-lasting," she says, pouring soya milk into decaffeinated tea. "We would never have dared to dream we might stay in people's hearts this way."

● *A Carnival Of Hits is released by EMI. A CD single, "A World Of Our Own", is also available. Judith Durham and the Seekers are at the Albert Hall tomorrow and Friday*

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Yankees do just dandy

Philharmonia/ Slatkin
Festival Hall/Radio 3

AARON Copland's great "Fanfare For The Common Man" was an obvious yet highly effective way to end the South Bank's entertaining and illuminating Motorola Festival of American Music. It was heard in its proper context, at the start of the last movement of the Third Symphony, which was given a statuesque performance by the Philharmonia conducted by Leonard Slatkin.

This is music which, like Walt Whitman, feels itself to be the whole world and which, like Janacek, rejoices in it with exuberant affirmation. Time is, at one moment, suspended in the high morning air, in Copland's characteristic wide, wandering lines for flute and strings; at another it is being chased by a *moto perpetuo* of incident in the voices of piano, percussion and high woodwind. The Philharmonia played it all with enough sensitivity and panache to persuade even the most reticent programmer that the symphony should be billed still more often.

In best Yankee style, Slatkin gave a pertinent and fluent verbal introduction to an evening in which the abstraction of Copland was contrasted with the more specifically referenced music of the first half. Here, the common factor was the language of popular musics and their enormous, still untapped energy.

As a tribute to Baltimore's historian of rock 'n' roll, Christopher Rouse, Slatkin chose his short, finely tuned piece *The Infernal Machine*, as a devilish *perpetuum mobile* of an overture to warm up the orchestra for Duke Ellington's *Harlem*, commissioned, believe it or not, by Toscanini. This "concerto grosso" for jazz musicians and symphony orchestra is a vibrantly imaginative tapestry of Harlem life: 20 sections of incident invisibly stitched together through inventive and daring writing.

Still under-appreciated and under-programmed, Ellington's music also revealed — should anyone still be in any doubt on the matter — that the Philharmonia is an orchestra of extraordinary individual and corporate virtuosity. Brass and percussion playing was of a well-nigh unsurpassable quality here and in Leonard Bernstein's *Prelude, Fugue and Riffs*.

Gershwin made his own contribution to "symphonic jazz" in the original version of *Rhapsody in Blue*. It is a wonderfully lean, trenchant piece, and Joanna MacGregor's capricious performance made one aware of its fantasy and its sheer finesse.

HILARY FINCH

Rapture with grace

LPO/Haitink
Festival Hall

ACCLAIMED as she is in Vienna and elsewhere for her singing of Richard Strauss, Felicity Lott has never been less than generous to her audiences at home. So it was with the *Four Last Songs* of Strauss she sang in the London Philharmonic Orchestra's programme, which Bernard Haitink, the orchestra's president, stepped in to conduct after an ailing Klaus Tennstedt had to withdraw.

Even though a fifth and later song by Strauss is now known, the four he composed just before and after his 84th birthday in 1948 remain a conscious and exquisite farewell on his part, with neither regret nor bitterness but a sense of true fulfilment. The soprano, floating her vocal line in graceful curves, traced the new sensibility of the composer's last years with calm rapture and, incidentally, fewer intrusive breaths than most other singers.

Haitink balanced the orchestra with a fine ear for the different combination of instruments from one song to the next, using the detail to enhance the singer's delicacy of feeling. He prefaced them with a somewhat lugubrious account of Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, although tribute is due to the LPO for the wealth of sonority the strings sustained in this and the warmth and accuracy of the programme as a whole.

This was further apparent in Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique* Symphony, where the heavy hand Haitink laid on it at the outset was reinforced by the unexpected and oppressive gloom of the auditorium lighting. Later the conductor generated more momentum to carry the music's burden of despair, although the famous "limping waltz" of the second movement was without the lilt it needs, and the following march was so brusque as to seem almost robotic.

Alas, it attracted the audience's intrusive applause before the final "Adagio lamentoso", where Haitink excelled by avoiding emotional indulgence in favour of an unusual tenderness.

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COUNTRY CONCERT

Tip of the hat

Garth Brooks
Wembley Arena



Brooks: no pretence

WHEN Garth Brooks played his only previous English engagement in February 1991, the modest environs of London's Cambridge Theatre were adequate accommodation for the audience of industry observers and country-music anoraks. The UK had long been a scrubland for Southern statesmen in big hats, and nothing looked about to change.

For almost three more years, nothing did, despite sales of almost 40 million albums in the US. But for this Oklahoman Everyman to set Wembley in a ferment was as dramatic a sea change in British musical tastes as any in recent years. The cultural incongruity of this many cowboy hats in the Arena was akin to an invasion of Madison Square Garden by an army of pearly kings and queens.

Following a slick outing by the bold-voiced Martina McBride, Brooks's imminent arrival was announced by a booming voice, which also helpfully explained the dos and don'ts of filming, smoking and so on during the show. Such is the world of arena country, but it typifies the star's well-drilled operation: keeping ticket prices low, taking the stage on time, all manner of details that your average rock star has not got round to considering yet.

When show-time arrived, it was hang onto your hats, wide-brimmed or otherwise. In a scene that belonged more in *Star Wars* than the Grand Ole Opry, Brooks and band rose from the ground to a tumult of noise in a kind of space pod, bursting forth into "Standing Outside the Fire". Three minutes later came the first ovation, the first doffing of the hat, and an audience eating from Brooks's hand.

Sporting a radio mike, Brooks sang while racing around the open-plan stage, waving to babies, but never missing a breath and dovetailing with an excellent band. No cowboy outfit this.

Most of Brooks's songs, especially ballads such as "Unanswered Prayers" and "The Dance", have the kind of sentiments that could, in the wrong hands, turn to the purest cheese, but so incapable is he of pretence that the problem never arose and they took their place next to lighter moments such as "Friends in Low Places" and his darkest song, "The Thunder Rolls".

The future of popular entertainment is balding and chubby: a triumph of content over fashion to give real cheer.

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LONDON

CAPRICCIO STRAVAGANTE Skip Sempé and mezzo soprano Guillemette Laurens team up with Jay Bernfeld (viola da gamba) for what promises to be one of their usually flamboyant interpretations of Baroque music. Tonight's programme is a collection of 17th-century love songs; Laurens's past performances have been likened more to Diana Ross than "hyper-refined mooning and swooning".
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 8pm.

BUTTERFLY KISS. Opening night for Phyllis Nagy's new acerbic comedy: a family cauldron of murder, alcohol, butterflies, dreams and seduction. Steven Pimlott directs.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until April 30.

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS: A 45th anniversary celebration this evening as principal guest conductor Howard Shelley both directs and is the piano soloist. The programme includes Mozart's Symphony No 35 in D, *Haffner* and Piano concerto No 22 in E flat K482 plus Honegger's Symphony No 4 *Deliciae basiliensis*.
Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: Last week to see this small but spectacular show. Holbein was one of the finest draughtsmen ever, the people, well or little known, who gathered around Henry VIII and sat for Holbein during his time at court spring instantly to vivid, idiosyncratic life in these drawings and miniatures from the Royal Library, Windsor.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 12 noon-6pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM Jean Louis Steuerman joins Mario Venzago and the **CBSO** for a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5, *Emperor*, and Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben*. The programme is repeated this Sat evening.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm; Sat at 7pm

BROMLEY The nearly always extraordinary **National Youth Theatre** premieres its spring tour production of *Macbeth* this week. Edward Wilson directs, designs by Brian Lee. Only London area venue.
Churchill, High Street (081-460 6677). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Today, Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

EXETER. English Touring Opera continues its season of fully staged opera on your doorstep. Mark Shanahan conducts Donizetti's comic masterpiece *L'Elisir d'Amore*, directed by Stephen Medcalf. ETO's new music director Martin André conducts Thomas de Mallet Burgess's version of Puccini's *La Bohème*.
Northcott, Stocker Road (0392 54853). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER Robert David MacDonald's witty new translation of **The Threepenny Opera**, the Brecht/Weill satirical musical. Director Annie Castledine and Josette Bushell-Mingo reunite (Mingo as Polly Peachum) after last year's sell-out *From the Mississippi Delta*. The first 100 people to present an old threepenny coin at the box office can buy their ticket at the original 1973 price of just £2.00
Contact, Oxford Road (061-274 4400). Preview tonight; opens tomorrow. Then Mon-Sat; all performances, 7.30pm. Until May 7

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: Contemporary Netsuke, final week (071-636 1555) . **Festival Hall** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) **Hayward**: Salvador Dali/Unbound (071-928 3144) **Kenwood House** Caro's Trojan Wars (081-348 1286) . **National Portrait Gallery**: Anne Liebovitz (071-306 0055) **Royal Academy of Arts**: Goya (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Markus Raetz (071-402 6075) .. **Tate**: Picasso (071-887 8008) **Victoria & Albert**: The Golden Age 1730-1760. brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **BEAUTIFUL THING**: Young love, gay and straight, on a Thamesmead estate. Last year's production transfers from the Bush.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until April 23

□ **CRUSADE**: New work by Paul Sirett, author of the jazz play *A Night in Tunisia*. A tour bus breaks down on the Occupied West Bank and the resulting conflicts echo the past.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; until May 7

■ **DEAD FUNNY**: Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their admirers. With Zoe Wanamaker and David Haig.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **ERASMUS MONTANUS**: Return of Holberg's clever comedy, delightfully staged. A young Danish prig goes back to the farm, armed with a degree and receives his comeuppance.
Greenwich Studio Theatre, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tue-Sun, 8pm. Until April 30.

◪ **GHOST FROM A PERFECT PLACE**: New play by Philip Ridley, set in today's East End. John Wood plays a Sixties gangleader returning to a very different world.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

◪ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE**: Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **JANE EYRE**: Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

□ **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**: David Calder faces Penny Downie over the scales in David Thacker's praised production from Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm

◪ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY**: Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

□ **900 ONEONTA**: David Beaird's Deep South drama where a dying patriarch dismays his descendants with the fanciful stipulations of his will.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Sat, 4.30pm. Until April 23

◪ **SACRED HEARTS**: Prostitutes shelter in a cathedral to escape a murderer: new play by Sue Glover for the award winning Communicado.
Drill Hall, Chenies St, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until April 23

■ **THE SKRIKER**: Caryl Churchill's latest: an ancient shape-shifter (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **SUNSET BOULEVARD**: The show re-opens with Betty Buckley and John Barrowman in the leads and new material brought in from the Los Angeles production.
Adelphi, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

□ **TRAVESTIES**: Stoppard's dazzler, starring Antony Sher as the Consul playing fast and loose with memory.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **An Absolute Turkey**: Globe (071-494 5065) . □ **April in Paris**: Ambassadors (071-836 6111) □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . □ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) . □ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... (071-930 8800) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) □ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) □ **Piaf**: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON (12): Worthy star-studded chronicle of the Aids epidemic, in need of a tighter focus. With Matthew Modine, Alan Alda and Ian McKellen. Director, Roger Spottiswoode.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

THE DIARY OF LADY M (18): French cabaret singer bares her body and soul with a Catalan painter. Tedious sex folly from director Alain Tanner.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ARISTOCATS** (U): Avaricious butler threatens feline Parisians. Pleasant but less than classic Disney.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

BELLE EPOQUE (15): Bucolic, flimsy period comedy from Spain, this year's Foreign Film Oscar winner. With Jorge Sanz; director, Fernando Trueba.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

A BRONX TALE (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

GRIEF: Behind-the-scenes troubles of a tacky TV show. Modest, amusing gay comedy from new director Richard Glatzer. With Craig Chester and Alexis Arquette.
ICA (071-930 3647)

◆ **THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS** (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close and Meryl Streep. Director, Bille August.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams, Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

MY LIFE (12): Michael Keaton, dying of cancer, makes a video scrapbook for his future offspring. Dubious schmaltz from the writer of "Ghost", Bruce Joel Rubin. With Nicole Kidman.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington in an Aids victim's fight for justice. Jonathan Demme directs.
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◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs: Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA (U): Visually exquisite portrait of a Saigon servant girl, made in France. Impressive debut by director Tran Anh Hung.
Electric (071-792 2020) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Plaza** (071-437 1234) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **SHADOWLANDS** (U): Richard Attenborough's skilful rendition of William Nicholson's play about C S Lewis's emotional awakening. With Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-638 8891) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE THING CALLED LOVE (15): Low-key tale of youngsters hoping for Nashville fame. River Phoenix's last film, with Samantha Mathis. Peter Bogdanovich directs.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. With Christian Clavier, Jean Reno. Director, Jean-Marc Poiré.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** reports on the grand designs of Russia's Maly Drama Theatre

Small is mammoth


The Maly Drama Theatre's two-hour, six-part *Brothers and Sisters* has a cast of 40

The Russian for big is *bolshoi*. *Maly* signifies small. British audiences, however, could think Russians do not know the meaning of the latter. The Maly Drama Theatre from St Petersburg, under the mighty directorship of Lev Dodin, is epic.

More than a hundred company members are here in Britain for a nationwide tour. There will be 40 people on stage in *Brothers and Sisters*, adapted from Abramov's trilogy of novels. Marathons of this two-part, six-hour drama about a farming village under Stalin will be staged in Manchester (Forum Theatre), Glasgow (Citizens), Newcastle and Nottingham (The Playhouse). Admired as the high point of LIFT in 1991, it is a monumental portrait of hope and profound despair.

On top of this, *The House*, actually produced before *Brothers and Sisters*, but depicting the village's next generation and not seen before in this country, is on at the Citizens and in Newcastle. In fact, no fewer than eight plays are running in rep for seven weeks in five cities. The season starts tomorrow at the Lyric, Hammersmith. *The Cherry Orchard*, which has just premiered in Paris, will be a rare chance to see Dodin directing a classic play and Chekhov realised by a Russian cast.

There is another opportunity to see the Olivier Award-winning *Stars in the Morning Sky*, a tough and touching depiction of prostitutes tidied away into a derelict lunatic asylum during the Moscow Olympics. Tatiana Chestakova (Dodin's wife) is wonderfully lovable and upsetting as the alcoholic Anna. Even if there are moments of obvious symbolism, the performances make Alexander Galin's play blossom. Dodin believes the performance is more severe now. "Before we were accusing the system," he explains. "Now we understand how it is not only the system that makes people, but people who make the system and keep it within themselves, even when the system has seemingly come to an end."

It is a pity not to see the younger Maly members' newest creation, *Claustrophobia*. Still, constant re-rehearsing and reconsiderations of the relationship between the actors' work and their world keep the long-running plays fresh. There is an immense humanity in Dodin's directing. Though spoken in Russian, his productions have great impact abroad and attain a timeless truth even if set during the Communist years or before.

> ❛ You feel how fast life moves and value every second ❜

Though *The Cherry Orchard* might be considered the polar opposite of today's Russia, with its aristocracy coming home to its roots, Dodin sees a wider relevance. "We are living in another period of great changes," he says, "and it is very difficult to imagine what kind of life we are going to have in the future. You feel how fast life moves and value every second. Chekhov shows people trying to keep pace and failing, which makes them both tragic and comic."

Finally, at the Tramway, comes the British premiere of *The Devils*, a three-part adaptation of Dostoevsky's *The Possessed*, which will run from morning till night. For this one-off marathon, the set alone is a mammoth venture: a two-way drawbridge that tilts as actors walk, descending into an under-stage crypt or climbing to a higher plane.

Neil Wallace, the Tramway's pioneeringly international director, is convinced this is the largest project of its kind so far in Britain. In recent years, enterprising regional theatres have started to look globally. Now they are joining forces. The creation of consortia is a development of considerable significance. "As a group", says Wallace, "we can take on far more ambitious, exciting projects. It's the future."

However, if the Maly Drama Theatre's current sweep round Europe seems vast, their finances are not. Spiralling inflation shrinks funds. The company tours to earn Western currency. It will be away from home for almost six months before it returns to its tiny stage in St Petersburg.

The Maly Drama Theatre might sound modest. It is attached to the drama school where Dodin originally taught; the players are students or ex-students. They continue classes between rehearsals. Yet this is exactly what makes the acting extraordinary. The actors pursue an almost monastic programme of technical rigour and perpetual development. They have a deep understanding of Dodin's aesthetic, an exceptional sense of ensemble and, in the Stanislavskian tradition, prepare productions for years. This tour, their fourth to Britain, aims to shed light behind the scenes on training procedures through workshops and discussions.

The company has no small reputation. Peter Brook lauds its combination of weight and youthfulness. Wallace says, "Dodin is as important as Brook. He takes a vast stock of artistic talent, broad social and political ideas, a wealth of Russian literature and is true to his material, resulting in work of unique power and of immense theatricality."

Yet even as they are epic, the productions are minutely detailed. Pip Broughton, artistic director of the Nottingham Playhouse, celebrates Dodin's theatre for its ecstasy and intimacy. Katie Mitchell, a director at the RSC, finds his work inspirational and fantastically precise. She remembers seeing Dodin training young directors in St Petersburg. "One student was doing a flamingo standing on one leg," she recalls, "and Dodin was asking her what the third feather on her right wing was doing." Now that is practically microscopic.

● *The Maly Drama Theatre season starts tomorrow at the Lyric, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) with* The Cherry Orchard

Your witness to some great television

RADIO: **Peter Barnard** on the egos that land in Michael Buerk's tantalising *Moral Maze*

FILM-MAKERS used to be taught that their success or failure rested almost entirely upon the visual images they created, that a scene had failed in the purest sense if all it had going for it was brilliant dialogue. This is of course a nonsensical view, but it was propounded in the formative years of television, therefore that fledgling medium attracted to it people with a visual obsession.

Thus did television become the voyeur's medium and radio was given a different corner of the room, the one reserved for pipe-sucking dreamers. Or intellectuals, as they are sometimes known. Such definitions now sound out of date and silly, but they live on in the minds of a significant number of people, inside and outside broadcasting. The former should know better, the latter write to *Feedback* on Radio 4.

In recent years there was a swing of the pendulum, so that radio increasingly sounded like television without the pictures and television looked like illustrated radio.

Now I detect another change, and a welcome one: radio is starting to rediscover an important and proper function as a medium for stimulating thought, a place where stories that whizz by on the news can be stretched and tweaked and have the issues they raise properly examined.

No better example of the genre exists than **The Moral Maze** (Radio 4, Thursdays), 40 minutes of argument carried on without benefit of superfluous music or somebody phoning in from the hard shoulder of the M25.

Michael Buerk chairs the programme and the regular panel consists of Edward Pearce, Janet Daley, Roger Scruton and Rabbi Hugo Gryn, the last-named possessing a voice which makes him sound like the only concrete mixer ever to be admitted to Mensa.

I heard last week that *The Moral Maze* is to be transferred to television: if I didn't dream that, could it please replace the Terry Wogan vehicle *Do The Right Thing?*, in which the serious is rendered utterly trivial.

The Moral Maze is a circular programme, in that it does not actually get us anywhere. Which is the whole point. Unlike the Wogan farce, during which the audience perambulates between the Yes seats and the No seats and at the end of which viewers vote by phone ("Eighty-six per cent say she should prosecute"), *The Moral Maze* attempts to lay bare an issue rather than resolve it or set it to music.

At the start of the programme we can be sure we know what Pearce (coming from the left) and Scruton (coming from the right) will have to say, but this matters not a jot. The passion of the debate carries us along. We shout in mock horror as Pearce patronises a witness called to have his or her opinion rubbished and we clap like football fans as Buerk tells Pearce to calm down (one occasion I do believe it was "shut up").

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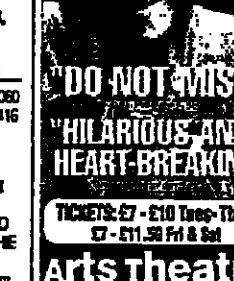
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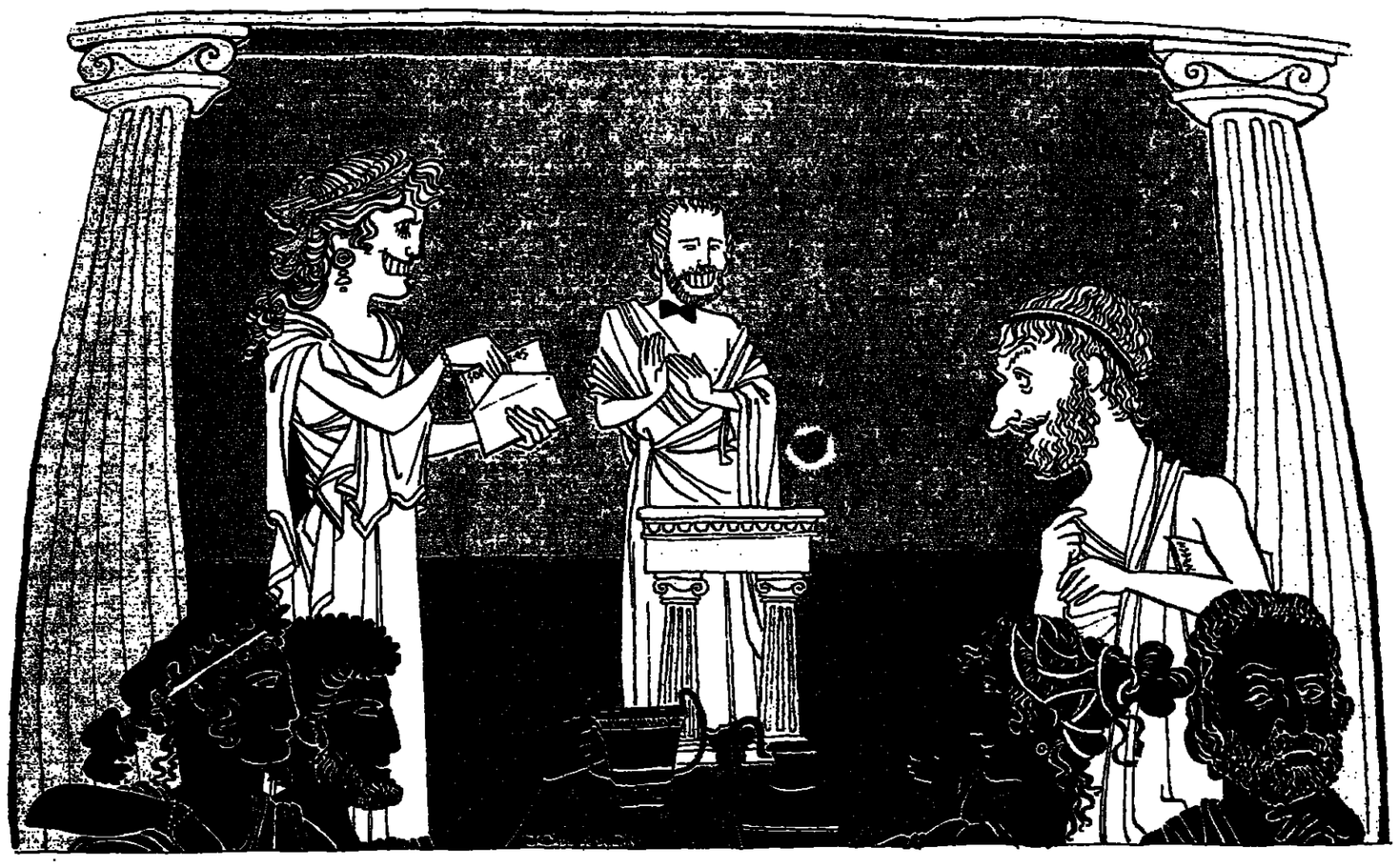
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Benedict Nightingale on how 2,500 years of theatrical awards ceremonies gave us the Oliviers and (cringe) the Tonys

To Sophocles, from the bottom of our art



Drama awards are as old as recorded drama itself — 2,500 years or thereabouts — and have always had their ups and their downs. Sophocles won the top prize, a crown, on no fewer than 18 occasions, but not for his finest play, *Oedipus*. Euripides, who struck his fellow countrymen as sour and cynical, wrote 80 or 90 plays, but won only five times.

Of course, the voting system then was more arbitrary than it is now for the Olivier Awards or their Broadway counterparts, the Tonys. The judges probably numbered only five and, like many holders of public office in Athens, were chosen by lot. Their job was simpler, too. They spent the great festival of Dionysus sitting through three tragic trilogies, and then came up with best actor and best dramatist awards. This appears to have been won rather frequently by Callipides, who was described by one of his predecessors as "a monkey". The theatre and theatre people have not changed that much.

Awards have changed more radically. Nobody is sure precisely how the great Athenian tragedians received their crowns when they won them, but I bet it was neither at a celebrity lunch in the Parthenon nor after envelopes had been tantalisingly opened in the course of a variety show in the theatre of Dionysus itself. Awards ceremonies are more flamboyant now, especially on the other side of the Atlantic, where it would be *de rigueur* for Sophocles and Callipides to do a triumphant dance alongside Bernadette Peters and Tommy Tune to music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. I am not exaggerating. I have seen Carol Channing in a green dress and a purple hat with a feather the size and shape of the Chrysler Building come prancing onstage to the accompaniment of a hit song from *La Cage aux Folles*. I have seen her entwined with Tom Stoppard, Jeremy Irons, Julie Andrews, Glenn Close and Anthony Quinn in his *Zorba the Greek* outfit. I have seen all of them swaying, bouncing and embarrassedly highkicking while they gamely sang: "The best of times is now". That was the Tonys.

The Oliviers began as the inelegantly named Society of West End Theatre or Swet Awards in 1976, took their present name in 1984, and are judged by a 13-person panel that consists partly of professionals, partly of lay people. This year the pro side includes a drama school principal, a member of the council of Equity, and Luke Rittner, the former secretary-general of the Arts Council. The remainder, six in all, are theatregoers who have sent in a list of the plays they have seen over the past year, written a sample review, and presented themselves for interview to a committee headed by the impresario Bill Kenwright.

The panel sees about 80 productions a year, then convenes for two meetings in March, at the second of which the talking stops and the voting begins. They agree not only all the shortlists but also the winners, although the latter are picked by secret ballot and are known only to the president of the Society of London Theatre, as Swet recently renamed itself. A panellist can spend a year traipsing around the capital's playhouses and still not have a clue who has won what until the tiny statues of Olivier as Henry V are handed over.

The backstage happenings at the Tonys are more intricate and almost always more acrimonious. How could it be otherwise when Broadway productions cost many millions to mount and one of the major awards can transform, in the curiously violent jargon of the trade, a bomb into a hit and a hit into a smash? No wonder producers often wait to open their most prestigious and expensive work — this year a new Sondheim and, priced at an astonishing $16 million, Disney's stage version of *Beauty and the Beast* — until April or May. They assume, not necessarily rightly, that a show fresh in the voters' minds will stand a better chance of prevailing.



Fortunately, we British are less malleable — or more bloody-minded — and, although a major award undoubtedly helps at the box office, it is unlikely to make the difference between triumph and extinction. There is therefore less pressure on voters and less controversy about their identity. In New York, though, the same rows recur again and again. Who should be on the 13-person panel that draws up the shortlists, and who should join the small army of arbiters that makes the final choices?

When I was reviewing in New York in the mid-1980s, this numbered 670 in all and included producers, "media people", actors, directors, members of theatre organisations — everyone, in fact, except the poor ordinary punters. Little has changed since then. Back in 1984, I remember feeling that the little ticks I inscribed on my ballot paper might as well have been on the neck of an elephant, so little difference would they make to the ultimate destination of the Tony awards.

Was that a good thing? Too few voters and a vocal minority may manipulate the majority into making quirky, idiosyncratic choices. Too many, and (as with the Oscars) fashion, sentimentality, or safe middlebrow taste may prevail. When I was in New York, there was some evidence of both traits. The nominating committee caused maximum outrage by denying a place to Dustin Hoffman, superb in *Death of a Salesman*, on the best-actor shortlist. And the 670 voters failed to give the best-play award to David Mamet's scabrous masterpiece *Glengarry Glen Ross*, preferring to honour Tom Stoppard's smart but less alarming *Real Thing*.

The Olivier panellists have seldom boobed badly. It was eccentric to choose *Return to the Forbidden Planet* rather than *Miss Saigon* for best musical in 1989, and Sondheim's inaccessible *Sunday in the Park with George* rather than his *Into the Woods* a year later. But I doubt that posterity will equate that with overlooking Euripides's finest.

Do awards have any merit aside from their financial repercussions? Yes. At their best, they draw the world's attention to the most remarkable achievements in the writing, directing and performing of drama and musicals. They set standards, both for the public and for theatre people, now and in the future. And the public to-do that seems regularly to accompany them emphasises that the theatre has a greater claim to be culturally central than the philistines sometimes suggest.

Although this year they are being presented in the London Palladium, the traditional centre of British vaudeville, we may be sure that the Oliviers will remain within the bounds of sense, discretion and taste. Not so the Tonys, I fear. I recall Julie Andrews, co-hosting the Tonys with Robert Preston, dimpling onstage to declare that "the lights of Broadway are shining brighter than ever", when half its theatres were dark and the lack of good new work was the subject of anguished public argument. But then that was a night full of bizarre memories.

Shirley MacLaine was bouncing about onstage. So was Raquel Welch. And so, weirdly surrounded by men in boaters and draped across a statue of the composers Kander and Ebb, was Liza Minnelli. So, too, was the actress Dorothy Loudon, dressed in white fur and sitting on top of a motor car that was being dragged across the great Gershwin stage by dancers dressed as huntsmen.

Dustin Hoffman put in an appearance, nominally to present the best-play award to Stoppard but at some more fundamental level to reprove the voters for not having chosen his Willy Loman as best performance. At any rate, he stood there, looking as if he had just returned from a clothes-buying spree on Devil's Island. His words were friendly, but his body-language proclaimed that someone, conceivably the nominating committee, had dumped a dustbin over his head.

Then Stoppard came onstage, followed by a great gaggle of men in suits, presumably producers, backers and one or two of those people who join queues just to discover what is at the other end. He can be a witty speaker, but here rattled out a dozen incoherent acknowledgements in 30 seconds flat. The television audience must have wondered who the hell he was, this Speedy Gonzales with the quick-fire British voice. What they did not know was that there was a monster machine on the theatre balcony, a huge circle of red flashing bulbs, that was warning everybody not to talk too long.

That did not deter the next winner, though. So flabbergasted was Lila Kedrova to win an award for her role in the musical *Zorba* that she barely made it on to the stage, let alone through her acceptance speech. The time-clock throbbed, bulged, did everything but explode: the audience started nervously to titter; and still she kept on, thanking distant uncles, long-lost great-aunts and third cousins twice removed. Surely there could be nobody else in or out of the Kedrova clan to whom she felt indebted? There was. "And I thank God because He is my producer," she gasped and came to a sensationally overdue halt.

Well, maybe Sophocles put in a good word for Dionysus, and Euripides thanked his great-grandparents when they prevailed in ancient Athens. But somehow I suspect they bowed, put on their crowns, and made a dignified exit.

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television

DONALD COOPER



Simon Chadwick and murderer Anthony Head in *Rope*

THEATRE: Classic thrill-killers lose their impact with age; Howard Barker's reworking of history falls flat

No piece for the wicked

Rope
Wyndhams, WC2

HAS rigor mortis crept up on the murderers? The trouble with Keith Baxter's staging of *Rope*, Patrick Hamilton's vintage thriller, is that Brandon and Granillo, the homosexual lovers who we discover stuffing a beautifully relaxed corpse into an antique chest, seem to have turned into a couple of stiffs. They keep posing in tableaux on items of furniture.

Tristan Gemmill (Brandon), speaking in monotonously sing-song clipped tones, is too artificial even for the 1930s. In fact, quite a few of the cast are acting suspiciously. For example the butler (Roger Ennals) has a criminally bad French accent ("Ze tabble, sair?").

Anthony Head's Cadell is the saving grace of the evening. He hobbles around with a crippled foot and inner pain balanced by laid-back panache, a flash of sarcastic wit, or a probing question like a suddenly unsheathed sword-stick. James Buller (Granillo) improves as he slugs back the whisky, becoming increasingly frantic.

But, for me, watching men doing Greek god impressions on the sofa does not get the adrenalin pumping. The staged nudity at the start is so crassly handled I had a nasty feeling I was attending the arthouse answer to the *Chippendales*. Nevertheless, with the victim naked, along with the two culprits, Baxter's production is the more dark for linking killing so clearly with sexual kicks.

There is some topical bite to *Rope* in its slant on murder. It does deal with the death of an Oxford University student and has a certain contemporary resonance concerning sadistic sexual acts that escalate into serious physical damage. Yet this play has dated. Isn't caricaturing upper-class twits prancing around being perfect chumps a bit passé?

Meanwhile, the creak of melodrama is almost audible as Brandon cries "Damnation!" and spins around 180 degrees with all the naturalness of a dastardly string puppet in a tight corner.

There is suspense at points, but more often this production leaves you just hanging about. One is kept at the wake by close shaves and by watching Cadell turn from poet to private dick.

But this breed of detective yarn can inspire a yawn today, especially when Hitchcock spilt the beans concerning the plot. Why pay good money for old rope?

KATE BASSETT

Shooting Tsars

Hated Nightfall
Royal Court, W1

RUMOUR had it that Howard Barker had written an accessible play, but rumour is a fickle jade. We have to find out the awful truth for ourselves. So what do we see taking shape beneath the birch trees, the solitary column and the tilting telegraph pole of Johan Engels's set? We are expected to consider ourselves witnessing the anguished last days of Tsar Nicholas and his family in the villa at Ekaterinburg.

The family is short on daughters, of whom only two appear and their names are not what we expect, but their imperial mother is certainly a neurasthenic dreamer and, although her name is not Alexandra but Caroline, her husband figures in the cast list as Romanoff.

Barker, then, has employed his favoured method for creating this play: a bit of historical truth, massive variations from it to show who is master, and an imagined character who blasts through the play, racked by unfathomable distress. This character is Dancer, the children's tutor, who nurses unspeakable feelings for their mother and who seizes hold of the Revolution to exact revenge on the family.

Ian McDiarmid plays him like an impatient wolf in a tail-coat, scowling, distempered. Dismissing appeals for clemency, he alternates between pedagogic hauteur and groveling before the bare legs of his sleeping love. From time to time he stabs a Bolshevik.

Barker's own direction often creates tableaux of considerable beauty. Nicholas Jones's sweet-natured Tsar and the two princesses (Rebecca Charles, Nicola Walker) become credible characters. But although killings occur on stage, the drama's body seems to be somewhere deeper than Barker's imagery reaches.

JEREMY KINGSTON

WEEKENDS IN THE GARDEN

FOLLOWING the success of the Theatre Clubs weekend at the BOC Covent Garden festival last year, we have arranged two weekends for you to accommodation for both will be at the four-star Montmorency Hotel in Covent Garden and includes dinner on Friday evening and full English breakfast on both days.

May 13-15
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May 20-22
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TELEVISION

First knight



John Gielgud in his first appearance at the Old Vic, playing Hamlet in 1929

Lindsay Anderson got it right. The point about Sir John Gielgud at 90, Anderson said last night, was that he has simply got "younger and younger". Before dismissing this as luvvie talk, it is worth considering two things. First, that nobody calls Lindsay Anderson a luvvie and gets away with it. And secondly, that if youth is measured in terms of boldness and risk, this **Omnibus** (BBC1) had already proved the point.

What do you do if you speak Shakespeare with a voice like a silver trumpet, and then suddenly a large kitchen sink drops in your path? Well, you don't let it throw you, evidently. You neatly hurdle the monolithic era of Kenneth Tynan's favourite ticket-stubs, and look elsewhere for lucrative work — conferring grand full-voiced performances on movies, telly, and the avant-garde, where the recipients are rightly grateful.

In fact, Gielgud was shown to have steered his latter belly-voiced career with such ironic bravado — taking roles as crisp butlers and yellowing hams, and brilliantly carrying the entire verbal tonnage of Peter Greenaway's *Prospero's Books* — that even the odd playlet on *The Morecambe and Wise Show* would not have seemed drastically amiss.

This was an affectionate *Omnibus*, with nice archive bits, and with all the thesps interviewed in the predictable surroundings of plush front stalls and balconies. Cosy, it was, especially with that nice Kenneth Branagh doing the voice-over. Gielgud delivered a few bits to camera from the stage of the Old Vic, and we had excerpts from old interviews and chat shows, from those weird long-ago days when W. H. Auden could not only appear on Parkinson, but could pause to recollect a remark of Paul Valery's and not be jeered by the rabble for talking posh.

What was most remarkable to the modern Gielgud fan was that his wondrous voice changed radically, rather than just developed. Early recordings and film clips revealed the same sweet diction and phrasing, but no indication of the blow-winds-filled-spinnaker quality he brought to Alan Bennett's *Forty Years On*, and everything subsequently. Sir Peter Hall, Alan Bennett and Harold Pinter all averred with great delight that Gielgud's great turning point was when in performance he started to use the "silly" side of his own personality.

As for his approach to roles, Gielgud seems to have always espoused the "get-the-shoes-right" method of character encapsulation. For the poet Spooner in *No Man's Land*, he famously focused on the socks and sandals ("Get me a terrible suit," he demanded, thinking of Auden). What nobody mentioned, but indicated throughout by chuckling at every memory, was that Gielgud also conveys an expansive in-for-a-penny humour in his roles that is quite unmatched. "This is hilarious" is the message that underlines the great cameos of recent years. What a shame, though, not to have a clip from *Summer's Lease*.

It was hard not to think of other Shakespeareans' less conspicuous success in old age. Olivier, of course, drew the short straw in *Brideshead Revisited* (as the moribund Lord Marchmain) while Gielgud took dazzling comic flight as Charles Ryder's dry, tight-fisted father, gleefully deaf to requests for dosh, regarding "short" as an opportunity for semantic disquisition, nothing more. "Hard up?" he mused, wickedly. "Penurious? Distressed? Embarrassed? Stony broke? On the rocks? In *Queer Street*?" A light shone in his eyes; anyone who saw it will never forget. "Yes, let us say you are *in Queer Street* and leave it at that."

LYNNE TRUSS



New season prepares for soggy start

By Simon Wilde

ANYBODY wanting to catch sight of the first ball of the new cricket season may have their work cut out today. Those presiding over last-minute preparations yesterday at the university grounds of the Parks and Fenner's, where the respective visitors are Durham and Nottinghamshire, could not have been confident of seeing a prompt start to play at 11.30 this morning. A raincoat and a good book will be essential items for any would-be spectator.

Cambridge is marginally the favourite to hear the first cry of "Play!", although the town has seen its fair share of rain recently and more was due last night. The forecast is for clearer skies there today. The square at Oxford, on the other hand, was under water yesterday after a downpour brought an early end to a practice match with Northamptonshire. Richard Sula, the groundsman, puts the chances of beginning on time today as no better than "very slight".

This will come as a disappointment to John Morris, Durham's new recruit, who must have had high hopes of scoring the first century of the season for the second year in succession. He spent much of the first day last season at Fenner's scoring 136 for Derbyshire and a close-season transfer had kept alive the possibility of a repeat performance, albeit for a different county, against a different university and at a different venue.

Whether or not the sun shines today, the fields will be full of shades for many cricket enthusiasts. Nottinghamshire will be without Derek Randall and Durham without Paul Parker and Ian Botham. Nor are these the only counties to have waved well-loved players into retirment. Essex have lost Derek Pringle and Neil Foster; Glamorgan, Vivian Richards; Hampshire, David Gower and Malcolm Marshall; and Somerset, Chris Tavaré.

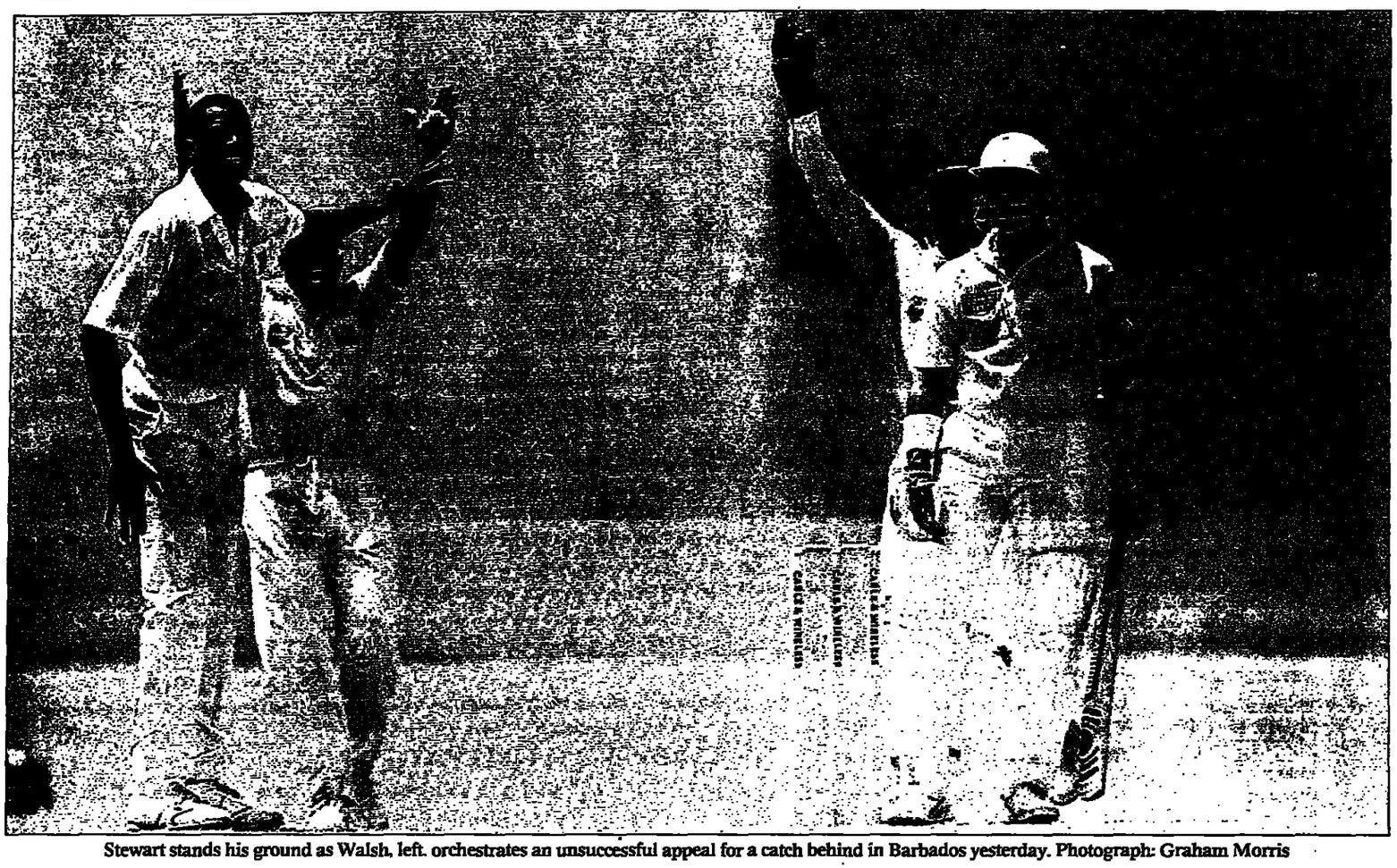
The loss of these players may not be truly felt until their counties take the field without them in serious competition later in the month, with the first round of the Benson and Hedges Cup on April 26 and the opening fixtures in the Britannic Assurance County Championship on April 28.

Come September, though, who is to say that another set of heroes will not have taken their place? Who might not then be boasting that they saw John Crawley's first runs for England against New Zealand — who begin their international fixtures with a one-day match at Edgebaston on May 19 — or delighting in the all-round talents of the first South African Test team to visit these shores for 29 years? Who might not be reliving Brian Lara's first season in county cricket with Warwickshire?

The chances of Waqar Younis, probably the world's best fast bowler, being seen at all on an English cricket field this summer looked increasingly slim yesterday as Surrey pursued the possibility of taking on a late replacement for their overseas player following reports that he underwent an emergency appendix operation in Pakistan last weekend.

Glyn Woodman, the Surrey chief executive, said yesterday: "We are in a very fluid situation. It is difficult to acquire details about the condition of a player 4,000 miles away and we are exploring alternatives. We have about six different plans at the moment."

One departure from last season that will not be missed is the passing of the 50-over innings in the Sunday league in favour of a return to the more manageable fare of 40 overs per side. Under the continued sponsorship of Axa Equity and Law, the league will also receive greater coverage from BBC television, which plans to show seven matches during the season, four more than last year. The BBC will also continue to screen the Benson and Hedges Cup, which does not return to a zonal format until 1995, and the NatWest Trophy.



Stewart stands his ground as Walsh, left, orchestrates an unsuccessful appeal for a catch behind in Barbados yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

Resolute Stewart stands firm to defy critics

Michael Henderson appreciates two innings by the resolute England vice-captain, who he admits he has underestimated for years

THE business of journalism has more to do with revelation than confession, so readers should pardon this irregular lapse into the first person. There are times one has to own up and, hand on heavy heart, this is one of them for I have done Alec Stewart a disservice. It is no great hardship to "cough" and acknowledge he is leading the England innings by right.

Unburdened by the wicket-keeper's job, and restored to the top of the order, his batting has developed tenfold. In this Test, with a compound of class and the resolution he always takes to the crease, it has been exemplary.

He went to his second hundred of the match as he might have wished, forcing Curtly Ambrose past point for four. Chivalrous foe that he is, Ambrose chose not to applaud this Englishman's singular achievement. Stewart did not repine. He promptly drove Mr Grumpy for two more.

It is only a partial excuse for one's previous withholding of praise to say he has grown up, though he has. Stewart has never lacked strokes; indeed, sometimes he played too many and there are still traces of recklessness. His improvement owes less to technique than to character.

Turn the clock back ten years. Anyone asked to nominate the next generation of Test batsmen thought first of John Morris, Neil Fairbrother and Robert Bailey, then of James Whitaker and possibly Ashley Metcalfe. Stewart was less fancied.

Between them Morris, Fairbrother, Bailey, Whitaker and Matthew Maynard, another talented strokeplayer, have contributed only a single half century in 21 Tests; Fairbrother made 83 in Madras 14 months ago in his last appearance. Mark Ramprakash and Nasser Hussain have made a 50 apiece in 35 combined innings. As a point of comparison Shrivnarine Chanderpaul, who is not obviously more talented, has made three half centuries in four innings.

Stewart is playing on the same strings. They just sound more resonant. His behaviour has improved too. In his worst moments he used to resemble one of those grubby footballers who dispute every decision. Now, although he will never be our man in Havana, he appears happier.

When Ted Dexter said of Atherton that "he takes on to the field everything he has" he might also have been talking of Stewart. Atherton, Stewart: that is the right way round. The roles of captain and vice could not be reversed with equal facility.

A year on from that run-out schemozzle in Bombay, both men are where they should be, suited to their complementary roles.

Of those who have fallen along the way, Morris provides the most illuminating, and infuriating, contrast. He begins the new season at Durham as the highest-paid English cricketer but without Stewart's reputation. He will regret it some day.

In his benefit season at Surrey, Stewart is not short of challenges. He decided to continue as captain only in the interests of dressing room unity after the sacking of Geoff Arnold and returns to a club fractured by low morale. Compared with the atmosphere at the Oval England's is blissful.

Few people gave them much chance of avoiding another thumping defeat here yet first Fraser and now Stewart have returned the best performances ever by an England bowler and batsman against these opponents.

Whether or not they win today those are achievements comparable to scaling Everest after getting dizzy spells on Primrose Hill.

Hope springs eternal as cricket lives in golden past

Cricket is played for 12 months of the year. Like all other big sports of the jet-plane era, and England's team are battling it out beneath the Bajan sun, but that takes nothing away from the annual miracle that takes place at Fenner's and the Parks today.

Yes, the English cricket season starts and, naturally, English hearts, as well as English evenings, are lighter. Thrice-woollied students and Damarted county professionals will come face to face, slips will tuck hands into armpits, bowlers and batters will wonder why it all seemed to be so easy in the indoor nets, mufflered men will pour shaking rations from Thermos flasks, a handful of journos will wonder if they used that Rite of Spring line last year and, across the land, there will be a certain wry, teasing delight.

Did you know it was the first day of the cricket season today? Good Lord! I'd be bowling in a duffle-coat myself. It's curling weather, luge weather. Remember when John Arlott was reported to the Press Council for writing about snow at a match one April?

And everywhere there will be great satisfaction. Few people will go to the actual cricket matches today to watch the students getting thumped but many will delight in the knowledge that these bleak struggles are taking place.

This weekend, travellers, dog-walkers and strollers will pass cricket grounds and find them thronged with white-clad figures: a bald man bowling with a stiff, eccentric action, a schoolboy chasing a crisp push, a sharp call of "waaaait!" And hearts will lift a little, not necessarily for love of cricket but because of what cricket means.

For cricket is a game filled with optimism. That is what any Rite of Spring is all about. Blossom on the crab tree, singing from the song thrush, life bursting from the earth and 13 cricketers on the green. Can summer be far behind?

Yes, optimism is the great gift of cricket; and the great curse. Cricket affects us more deeply than any other sport because it signals the turning of the year, the stirring of life.

Thus cricket is touched by gold. Who has not golden memories of golden days? The long, warm, shirt-sleeved, swallow-swooping evening: Gower completes his century in the last over, Eddy takes the last (and his fifth) wicket for Tewin Irregulars and his teammates call jug-jug to dirty ears.

Such days, though they come, come seldom. This joyous sense of expectation gives cricket its atavistic strength — and also its heaviest burden. Cricket fills us with optimism but the bedfellow of optimism is disappointment.

In cricket, expectations are always high and, for that reason, cricket is somehow expected to stand morally taller than other games: never mind that cricket's morals are no more reliable than the English weather. An English football or rugby captain in a finger-wagging altercation with an official would be no worse than regrettable. In cricket, it was a national scandal, a diplomatic incident.

All three of these games test physical courage: all their players risk injury. But only in cricket do such injuries carry a headline-making shock of disbelief, and demands that the laws be changed to take two centuries of courage out of the game.

Defeat at rugby is a national disappointment; at football, it is a terrible blow to the country's morale. But defeat at cricket is a national disgrace, nothing less: bring 'em home before they do any worse.

And so cricket followers, doomed to almost perpetual disappointment about cricket's present, turn to nostalgia about its past. As people watch Stewart at the crease this summer, they will feel nostalgic about Gower; just as, when Gower was playing, the same people, saddened or exasperated, nostalged (such a word needs to exist for the sake of cricket) after Compton. When Compton played, no doubt they sighed, and nostalged for Hobbs, just as Hobbs's watchers nostalged for Grace.

Disappointment is inevitable in cricket, as it is inevitable in English weather. Golden days of golden runs come but rarely and the English have never learnt to kiss a joy as it flies. Unreal hopes, unreal memories; these are the curses of spring.

Samuel Beckett came closer to an understanding of cricket than most, being, of course, the only Nobel Prize-winner to make the pages of *Wisden*. There is a story, perhaps even a true one, of Beckett watching a golden day of cricket.

"Sam," his companion said, as golden day declined towards golden evening, "a day like this makes life worth living."

"Almost."

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'Little knockout' muscles in on new territory

John Goodbody on a little woman whose strength has earned her a place in the big man's world of national weightlifting squads



Clark, the American weightlifter, displays her strength

An American schoolgirl of 15 has broken another barrier for equality in sport by becoming the first woman to be selected for a men's weightlifting squad.

Cassie Clark, who weighs 8st and is 5ft tall, won the female under-50kg title at the US junior nationals in Missouri last month to earn a place in the men's national under-17 squad of 40. She has lifted 165lb (75kg) overhead, a weight equivalent to that of a 6ft man, and will be given every chance to improve during the squad's three-week training camp this summer and one-week camp during winter.

Lyn Jones, the coaching director of the United States Weightlifting Federation, said: "She is blonde, blue-eyed and quite a little knockout. The rest of the squad will be encouraged by her presence. I am sure there will be a lot of showing-off."

Clark trained with the US men's junior squad last Christmas because the session was held in her home town, Savannah, Georgia. Jones said she had reservations about Clark's decision: "I was concerned whether she and the other girls who participated in the workouts might be able to handle the amount of training," she said. "However, she lapped it up, loved training twice a day and told me she wished she could do it all the time."

Jones said the level of the hormone, testosterone, was usually 10 times higher in a man than a woman, putting women at an enormous disadvantage in a sport that relies on strength, such as weightlifting. "However, at that age some girls are two to three years ahead of boys in physical development," she said. "Cassie is also not a newcomer to the sport: she has been lifting since the age of 12 and trains five times a week."

Clark's ambition is to compete as a senior in the world championships next year in China, who dominate women's weightlifting.

Dave Snowdon, Britain's national women's coach, said Clark's achievement of earning a place in the men's squad added further to the growing credibility of women's weightlifting. "When we first had British women's championships, in 1986, and then world championships the following year, people came to the event expecting to see freaks and iron maidens," he said. "However, what they actually saw were few bulging muscles and quite athletic builds. Weightlifting requires flexibility, speed, and technique as well as strength.

"Research does show that men and women have more similar strength levels in the lighter bodyweights and if women have the same training programmes as men, the advantage starts to narrow."

"This latest feat adds some respect to women's reputation in weightlifting. Women still are unable to compete in the Olympics and this is something they deserve."

Professor Greg McLatchie, the medical director of the National Sports Medicine Institute and a former British Universities weightlifting champion, said: "There are not a lot of women in weightlifting but those who take up the sport do seem to do well."

McLatchie said weightlifting was a dynamic sport and therefore better suited to men, whereas in ultra-long distance running and, particularly, swimming, women could achieve superior performances. Two of the only three Britons to complete double crossings of the English Channel have been women.

He also said humans could achieve tremendous feats under intense motivation, such as the well-known example of a woman who lifted a car off her son after it had trapped him under a wheel.

"There is evidence that weightlifters train themselves to recruit more of the available fibres in their bodies to lift heavy weights," Professor McLatchie said.

Dr Ken Kingsbury, a medical adviser to the Sports Council, said: "This is mind-boggling. Women do have less muscular development than the equivalent man.

"You only have to watch any woman playing a sport to see that normally they do not have the same muscular power or speed. Even Martina Navratilova at her peak did not possess the equivalent physical attributes of the leading men's players."

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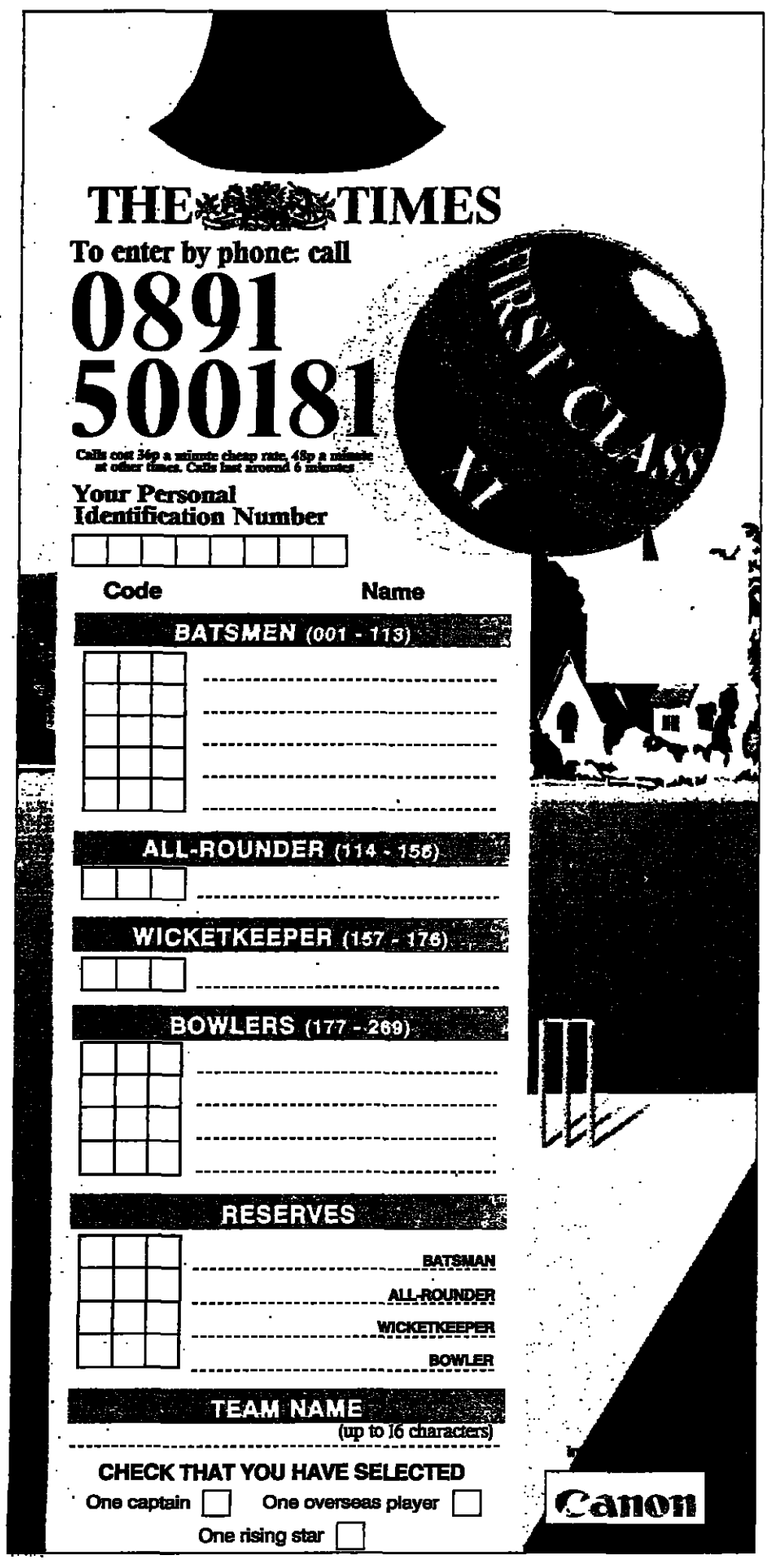
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How to play: Pick the team that you think will accumulate the most runs and wickets in the first-class cricket season. We have listed 266 players, all of whom are registered with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), and placed them in the following categories:

Batsmen (numbered 001-113); **all-rounders** (114-156); **wicketkeepers** (157-176) and **bowlers** (177-269).

There are also three secondary categories: **Captains** (18), one from each county; **overseas players** (16), and **rising stars** (28), promising players as selected by *The Times*.

Your team of 11 must be made up as follows: **five batsmen; one all-rounder; one wicketkeeper; four bowlers.** No other combination will be accepted and players may only be selected as categorised by *The Times*. Each player has a number which must be used when selecting him for the game.

There are three further restrictions to your selection.

1) In your XI, you must pick one — *and no more than one* — from the list of **captains**. For example, if you pick Alec Stewart (captain of Surrey), he will count as captain and batsman. You may not pick another captain, even from another playing category.

2) You must also pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players listed in the **overseas player** category.

3) You must pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players in the **rising stars** category. Your rising star may be a batsman, all-rounder, wicketkeeper or bowler.

In addition to the 11 players picked for the team, you must select one reserve for each of the primary categories (batsmen, all-rounders, wicketkeeper, bowlers). No captains, overseas players or rising stars may be selected as reserves. These reserves will only become active in the event of a first-choice player being officially declared inactive (for reasons of injury) for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI panel. In that case your reserve will be automatically activated and his score from that moment will be added to the injured player's total. Only one replacement will be allowed in each of the four primary categories.

How to score: Scores will be measured by the following means: **runs** (the aggregate runs scored by all 11 players); **wickets** (the wickets taken by all 11 players); **wicketkeeping dismissals** (catches and stumpings made by your wicketkeeper).

Each run will count as one point, each wicket as 20 points, each wicketkeeper's dismissal as 20 points (the last two categories will be listed under the heading, wickets). The total of runs and wickets will represent the entrant's total team score. The object of *The Times* First Class XI is to select the 11 players that will accumulate the most points in any of the competition periods.

In the event of a tie, competitors will be separated by counting the score of their reserves, the highest total winning. If that is insufficient, the score of the rising star will be decisive. If a further tie-break is necessary, the final tied competitors will be asked to pick their player of the season and explain why.

All matches deemed to be *first-class by the TCCB (five, four or three days)* will count. *One-day matches will not count.*

How to enter: There are five separate competitions. First, the main competition which runs throughout the 1994 English cricket season and for which entries must be received no later than noon today. Then there are four short competitions covering the matches which take place between **April 13-May 23; May 24-June 27; June 29-August 8; August 10-September 19.** Entries for the main competition (which may be made by post or by telephone) will also qualify automatically for all four short competitions.

The winners will be the entrants who have the highest points scores after the last match in each competition period and their names will be published in *The Times* with the names and scores of the leading 100 entrants.

You may enter any of the competitions as many times as you like but each entry requires a separate telephone call or original entry form (photocopies will not be accepted). Telephone callers must be aged 18 or over.

Entries will be acknowledged by letter including a computer printout of your team selection and an official scorecard. Please allow 28 days for delivery.

Entering by telephone: The 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon tomorrow. When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 181.**

Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers. You will then be asked to name your reserves (in the same order). Make sure that the numbers you give fall within the range for each category (ie batsmen, 001-113; all-rounders, 114-156; wicketkeepers, 157-176; bowlers 177-269). Make sure you have picked one captain, one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Team names: Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters although if a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has already been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

***The Times* First Class XI panel:** Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of selectors, Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Alan Lee, the cricket correspondent of *The Times*, form the panel which has final authority on any issues arising.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Only applications made through The Times First Class XI telephone lines or on the official entry form will be accepted and must be received by the closing date.

2. They must be received by noon today (April 13, 1994). There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household may make. The 24-hour lines are open until noon tomorrow.

3. Only players published in our The Times First Class XI list will be accepted into our First Class XI competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into. Entries lost or found to be indecipherable will be void.

4. Entries must consist of 15 players (11 first choice and four reserves) from the published list and must include one captain, one overseas player and one rising star as categorised in the list. Of your 11, five must be batsmen, one an all-rounder, one a wicketkeeper and four bowlers. One each of the four reserves must be a batsmen, all-rounder, wicketkeeper and bowler. None of the reserves may be captains, overseas players or rising stars. No player can be picked twice.

5. *The Times* independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.

6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.

7. The telephone entry method is only open to readers over the age of 18.

8. The first prize will go to the team with the highest total score. If there is more than one entrant with the same total of points, the winner will be decided by tie-break. We will investigate all complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.

9. Promotional and explanatory copy relating to The Times First Class XI form part of the terms and conditions for participation.

10. Calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times.

11. Calls should take approximately six minutes.

12. The competition is not open to employees of News International or their agents.

THE FIRST CLASS XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-113)

Pick five players and a reserve from this category

001 ..... * C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 ..... J C Adams (Nottinghamshire)
003 ..... G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 ..... Asif Din (Warwickshire)
005 ..... M A Atherton (Lancashire)
006 ..... C W J Athey (Sussex)
007 ..... R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
008 ..... K J BARNETT (Derbyshire)
009 ..... M R BENSON (Kent)
010 ..... D J Bicknell (Surrey)
011 ..... T J Boon (Leicestershire)
012 ..... P D Bowler (Derbyshire)
013 ..... N E BRIERS (Leicestershire)
014 ..... B C Broad (Gloucestershire)
015 ..... A D Brown (Surrey)
016 ..... D Byas (Yorkshire)
017 ..... J D Carr (Middlesex)
018 ..... P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
019 ..... G R Cowdrey (Kent)
020 ..... R M F Cox (Hampshire)
021 ..... J P Crawley (Lancashire)
022 ..... M A Crawley (Nottinghamshire)
023 ..... T S CURTIS (Worcestershire)
024 ..... * J A Daley (Durham)
025 ..... * W A Dessaur (Nottinghamshire)
026 ..... D B D'Oliveira (Worcestershire)
027 ..... N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
028 ..... N A Felton (Northamptonshire)
029 ..... N A Folland (Somerset)
030 ..... A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
031 ..... G Fowler (Durham)
032 ..... * J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
033 ..... M W GATTING (Middlesex)
034 ..... G A GOOCH (Essex)
035 ..... P Grayson (Yorkshire)
036 ..... K Greenfield (Sussex)
037 ..... J W Hall (Sussex)
038 ..... T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
039 ..... R J Harden (Somerset)
040 ..... A N HAYHURST (Somerset)
041 ..... D L Haynes (Middlesex)
042 ..... * D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
043 ..... S G Hinks (Gloucestershire)
044 ..... G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
045 ..... * A J Hollioake (Surrey)
046 ..... N Hussain (Essex)
047 ..... * S Hutton (Durham)
048 ..... R C Irani (Essex)
049 ..... S P James (Glamorgan)
050 ..... P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 ..... M Keech (Hampshire)
052 ..... S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 ..... N V Knight (Essex)
054 ..... A J LAMB (Northamptonshire)
055 ..... M N Lathwell (Somerset)
056 ..... W Larkins (Durham)
057 ..... D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
058 ..... N J Lenham (Sussex)
059 ..... J J B Lewis (Essex)
060 ..... * N J Liong (Kent)
061 ..... G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
062 ..... J I Longley (Durham)
063 ..... M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
064 ..... M A Lynch (Surrey)
065 ..... M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
066 ..... A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
067 ..... T C Middleton (Hampshire)
068 ..... A J Moles (Warwickshire)
069 ..... T M Moody (Worcestershire)
070 ..... H MORRIS (Glamorgan)
071 ..... J E Morris (Durham)
072 ..... R S M Morris (Hampshire)
073 ..... M D MOXON (Yorkshire)
074 ..... M C J NICHOLAS (Hampshire)
075 ..... T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
076 ..... D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
077 ..... * T L Penney (Warwickshire)
078 ..... P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
079 ..... P J Prichard (Essex)
080 ..... M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
081 ..... J D Ratcliffe (Warwickshire)
082 ..... R B Richardson (Yorkshire)
083 ..... * D D J Robinson (Essex)
084 ..... P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
085 ..... R T ROBINSON (Nottinghamshire)
086 ..... A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
087 ..... M A Roseberry (Middlesex)
088 ..... A C H Seymour (Worcestershire)
089 ..... N Shahid (Essex)
090 ..... * B F Smith (Leicestershire)
091 ..... I Smith (Durham)
092 ..... R A Smith (Hampshire)
093 ..... N J Speak (Lancashire)
094 ..... A W Smith (Surrey)
095 ..... D M Smith (Sussex)
096 ..... M P Speight (Sussex)
097 ..... A J STEWART (Surrey)
098 ..... N R Taylor (Kent)
099 ..... V P Terry (Hampshire)
100 ..... G P Thorpe (Surrey)
101 ..... S P Titchard (Lancashire)
102 ..... * M E Trescothick (Somerset)
103 ..... R G Twose (Warwickshire)
104 ..... * M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
105 ..... D M Ward (Surrey)
106 ..... T R Ward (Kent)
107 ..... R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
108 ..... A P WELLS (Sussex)
109 ..... C M Wells (Derbyshire)
110 ..... * W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
111 ..... I J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
112 ..... * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
113 ..... A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (114-156)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

114 ..... M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
115 ..... I D Austin (Lancashire)
116 ..... P BAINBRIDGE (Durham)
117 ..... D J Capel (Northamptonshire)
118 ..... * G Chapple (Lancashire)
119 ..... D G Cork (Derbyshire)
120 ..... R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
121 ..... A C Cummins (Durham)
122 ..... K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
123 ..... A Dale (Glamorgan)
124 ..... P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
125 ..... J E Emburey (Middlesex)
126 ..... K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
127 ..... M A Feltham (Middlesex)
128 ..... M V Fleming (Kent)
129 ..... P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
130 ..... * G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
131 ..... G A Hick (Worcestershire)
132 ..... C L Hooper (Kent)
133 ..... R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
134 ..... K D James (Hampshire)
135 ..... S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
136 ..... R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
137 ..... C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
138 ..... G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
139 ..... Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)
140 ..... P J Newport (Worcestershire)
141 ..... C Penn (Kent)
143 ..... D A REEVE (Warwickshire)
144 ..... G D Rose (Somerset)
145 ..... P V Simmons (Leicestershire)
148 ..... N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
147 ..... P A Smith (Warwickshire)
148 ..... * J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
149 ..... F D Stephenson (Sussex)
150 ..... J P Stephenson (Essex)
151 ..... C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
152 ..... Wasim Akram (Lancashire)
153 ..... M WATKINSON (Lancashire)
154 ..... V J Wells (Leicestershire)
155 ..... * P N Weekes (Middlesex)
156 ..... C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

157 ..... A N Aymes (Hampshire)
158 ..... R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
159 ..... K R Brown (Middlesex)
160 ..... N D Burns (Somerset)
161 ..... B N French (Nottinghamshire)
162 ..... M A Garnham (Essex)
163 ..... W K Hegg (Lancashire)
164 ..... G J Kersey (Surrey)
165 ..... K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
166 ..... S A Marsh (Kent)
167 ..... C P Metson (Glamorgan)
168 ..... P Moores (Sussex)
169 ..... P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
170 ..... K J Piper (Warwickshire)
171 ..... S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
172 ..... D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
173 ..... * R J Rollins (Essex)
174 ..... R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
175 ..... C W Scott (Durham)
176 ..... R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (177-269)

Pick four players and a reserve from this category

177 ..... J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
178 ..... C E L Ambrose (Northamptonshire)
179 ..... S J W Andrew (Essex)
180 ..... A M Babington (Gloucestershire)
181 ..... M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
182 ..... A A Barnett (Lancashire)
183 ..... S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
184 ..... S Bastien (Glamorgan)
185 ..... * J D Batty (Yorkshire)
186 ..... J E Benjamin (Surrey)
187 ..... W K M Benjamin (Hampshire)
188 ..... P J Berry (Durham)
189 ..... M P Bicknell (Surrey)
191 ..... J Boiling (Surrey)
192 ..... M Broadhurst (Yorkshire)
193 ..... S J E Brown (Durham)
194 ..... M A Butcher (Surrey)
195 ..... A R Caddick (Somerset)
196 ..... J H Childs (Essex)
197 ..... C A Connor (Hampshire)
198 ..... N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
199 ..... K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
200 ..... A C Cottam (Northamptonshire)
201 ..... N G Cowans (Hampshire)
202 ..... R P Davis (Warwickshire)
203 ..... M A Ealham (Kent)
204 ..... R M Ellison (Kent)
205 ..... M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
206 ..... * D P J Flint (Hampshire)
207 ..... M J Foster (Yorkshire)
208 ..... A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
209 ..... O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
210 ..... * E S H Giddins (Sussex)
211 ..... D Gough (Yorkshire)
212 ..... D A Graveney (Durham)
213 ..... F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
214 ..... D W Headley (Kent)
215 ..... E E Hemmings (Sussex)
216 ..... A P Igglesden (Kent)
217 ..... M C Ilott (Essex)
218 ..... P W Jarvis (Sussex)
219 ..... M Jean-Jacques (Hampshire)
220 ..... * R L Johnson (Middlesex)
221 ..... M S Kasprowicz (Essex)
222 ..... N M Kendrick (Surrey)
223 ..... * D R Law (Sussex)
225 ..... M J McCague (Kent)
226 ..... D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
227 ..... N A Mallender (Somerset)
228 ..... P J Martin (Lancashire)
229 ..... R J Maru (Hampshire)
230 ..... D J Millns (Leicestershire)
231 ..... O H Mortensen (Derbyshire)
232 ..... A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
233 ..... T A Munton (Warwickshire)
234 ..... A J Murphy (Surrey)
235 ..... J A North (Sussex)
236 ..... G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
237 ..... M M Patel (Kent)
238 ..... R M Pearson (Essex)
239 ..... A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
240 ..... * D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
241 ..... R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
242 ..... A C S Pigott (Surrey)
243 ..... * A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
244 ..... N V Radford (Worcestershire)
245 ..... A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
246 ..... M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
247 ..... I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
248 ..... K J Shine (Middlesex)
249 ..... R W Staddon (Derbyshire)
250 ..... G C Small (Warwickshire)
251 ..... D J Spencer (Kent)
252 ..... R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
253 ..... P M Such (Essex)
254 ..... J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
255 ..... * S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
256 ..... M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
257 ..... T D Topley (Essex)
258 ..... H R J Trump (Somerset)
259 ..... P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
260 ..... S D Udal (Hampshire)
261 ..... M J Vandrau (Derbyshire)
262 ..... A P Van Troost (Somerset)
263 ..... C A WALSH (Gloucestershire)
264 ..... Waqar Younis (Surrey)
265 ..... A E Warner (Derbyshire)
266 ..... S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
267 ..... N F Williams (Middlesex)
268 ..... J Wood (Durham)
269 ..... G Yates (Lancashire)

CAPITALS denote captains — Bold type denotes overseas players — * denotes rising stars

PICK ONE FROM EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES

Captains

116: P Bainbridge (all-rounder)
008: K J Barnett (batsman)
009: M R Benson (batsman)
013: N E Briers (batsman)
023: T S Curtis (batsman)
033: M W Gatting (batsman)
034: G A Gooch (batsman)
040: A N Hayhurst (batsman)
054: A J Lamb (batsman)
070: H Morris (batsman)
073: M D Moxon (batsman)
074: M C J Nicholas (batsman)
143: D A Reeve (all-rounder)
085: R T Robinson (batsman)
097: A J Stewart (batsman)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, o'seas player)
153: M Watkinson (all-rounder)
106: A P Wells (batsman)

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
178: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
121: A C Cummins (all-rounder)
209: O D Gibson (bowler)
041: D L Haynes (batsman)
132: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
221: M S Kasprowicz (bowler)
069: T M Moody (batsman)
139: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
082: R B Richardson (batsman)
145: P V Simmons (all-rounder)
149: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, captain)
264: Waqar Younis (bowler)
152: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)

Rising stars

001: C J Adams (batsman)
185: J D Batty (bowler)
118: G Chapple (all-rounder)
024: J A Daley (batsman)
025: W A Dessaur (batsman)
206: D P J Flint (bowler)
032: J E R Gallian (batsman)
210: E S H Giddins (bowler)
130: G R Haynes (all-rounder)
042: D L Hemp (batsman)
045: A J Hollioake (batsman)
047: S Hutton (batsman)
220: R L Johnson (bowler)
223: D R Law (bowler)
060: N J Liong (batsman)
240: D B Pennett (bowler)
077: T L Penney (batsman)
243: A R K Pierson (bowler)
083: D D J Robinson (batsman)
173: R J Rollins (wicketkeeper)
090: B F Smith (batsman)
148: J N Snape (all-rounder)
255: S D Thomas (bowler)
102: M Trescothick (batsman)
104: M P Vaughan (batsman)
155: P N Weekes (all-rounder)
110: W P C Weston (batsman)
112: M G N Windows (batsman)

Table talk causes difference of opinion among selectors

Marcus Williams weighs up the pros and cons of choosing players with a proven track record or gambling on the game's rising stars

LEAGUE and performance tables are all the rage these days but, as with all statistics, they must be treated with care. When making your selection, do you gamble on the meteoric riser or go for those with a proven track record?

The *Times* First Class XI game invites similar considerations: choose the leading performers from last season or take a longer-term view? Using only the eligible players and following the rules of selection, we have tried both approaches. As will be seen, two players stand out on both counts, but below them there is plenty of scope. In 1993 — when a 17-match, four-day county championship replaced the previous 22-match mixture of threeand four-day matches — the highest-scoring combination would have been:

Player	Pts
G A Gooch	2023
C W J Athey	1840
N Hussain	1624
T S Curtis	1553
N J Liong *	1025
Mushtaq Ahmed	2198
R C Russell	1983
S L Watkin	2044
S D Udal	1969
P M Such	1748
M P Bicknell	1738
Total	19,563

* rising star

As will be seen by comparison with the other tables for that season, this team contains the leading four run-scorers, the top four wicket-takers and the leading wicketkeeper from that season.

Bicknell, who was only seventh in the wicket-takers, gets in above Taylor because he scored more runs; Emburey, who also finished ahead of Bicknell, fails to make it because he is categorised as an all-rounder, and Mushtaq Ahmed claims that place by virtue of 498 runs in addition to his 85 wickets.

You need to get the balance of your side right to maximise its points-scoring potential. Thus, although Mushtaq was not the highest-scoring all-rounder — he was narrowly outscored by Dale, of Glamorgan — he is so far ahead of any other overseas player (Hooper was next with 1,964) that he could not be omitted.

With Mushtaq likely to miss part of the coming English season, when Pakistan tour Sri Lanka during July and August, and an eye problem casting doubt over Emburey's participation, Dale and Hooper are strong candidates.

There was a similar situation among the rising stars, a key category in the game that offers the chance to select a relative newcomer or one of several players who are established in their county sides. Pierson, of Leicestershire, would have accumulated 1,118 points last season — 238 runs and 44 wickets — followed by Liong with 1,023.

Liong, however, makes the 1993 side because the points difference between him and the batsman whose place he takes (Pollard) is 480, whereas the gap between Pierson and Bicknell is 620. Barring a remarkable breakthrough by one of the bowlers, your rising star place looks best allocated to a batsman, and do not ignore the point-scoring potential, outside the all-rounder category, of the batsmen who bowl a bit and the bowlers who can bat.

Two players stand out in the five-year performance lists: Gooch and Watkin. Gooch, the leading batsman last season, was also top in 1990 and second in 1991; Watkin, the leading bowler in 1993 and 1989, has been in the top ten in each of the past five seasons.

Broad, Gatting and Hick have also been consistently high scorers, though the greater demands of Test cricket have seen Hick fall away from the prolific run-making of his early career, when he was top batsman in 1987 and 1988 as well as 1989. Regular wicket-takers are revealed as Bicknell, Emburey, Newport, Tufnell and Walsh.

Apart from the difficulties *he is causing England's batsmen* in the Caribbean, Walsh presents players of this game with a dilemma. Like Gooch, he is a county captain and, like a host of other high performers, he is an overseas player, but you can choose only one player from each category. You thought the England selectors had problems . . .

LEADING PERFORMERS 1989-93

1989

	Runs
G A Hick	1824
W Larkins	1787
J E Morris	1638
A J Stewart	1637
A P Wells	1629
R A Smith	1577
R T Robinson	1518
B C Broad	1512
M W Gatting	1503
N R Taylor	1495
	Wkts
S L Watkin	84
A R C Fraser	82
P D Stephenson	82
C A Walsh	81
T D Topley	77
P W Jarvis	76
N V Radford	75
W K M Benjamin	69
P A J DeFreitas	68
J H Childs	67
	Dismissals
W K Hegg	79
S J Rhodes	67

1990

	Runs
G A Gooch	2748
G A Hick	2347
D L Haynes	2246
N Morris	2276
B C Broad	2228
D M Ward	2072
A A Metcalfe	2047
N E Briers	1898
R J Bailey	1887
N R Taylor	1979
	Wkts
T A Munton	78
R K Illingworth	75
P C R Tufnell	74
R P Davis	73
C A Walsh	72
S L Watkin	69
M P Bicknell	67
R J Maru	66
K M Curran	64
P J Newport	63
	Dismissals
S J Rhodes	69
K M Krikken	63
P Moores	63

1991

	Runs
M W Gatting	2057
G A Gooch	1911
D J Bicknell	1888
T M Moody	1887
A Fordham	1840
N R Taylor	1805
H Morris	1803
A P Wells	1784
B C Broad	1739
	Wkts
Waqar Younis	113
P C R Tufnell	88
F D Stephenson	78
S L Watkin	74
P A J DeFreitas	73
T A Munton	73
J E Emburey	68
R A Pick	67
P J Newport	66
J H Childs	65
	Dismissals
C P Metson	76
S A Marsh	70

1992

	Runs
P D Bowler	2044
M A Roseberry	2044
M W Gatting	2000
G P Thorpe	1895
N J Speak	1892
G A Gooch	1850
T S Curtis	1829
T C Middleton	1780
A Fordham	1710
T R Ward	1648
	Wkts
C A Walsh	92
I D K Salisbury	87
Wasim Akram	82
J E Emburey	81
R P Davis	74
D J Millns	74
M P Bicknell	73
A R Caddick	71
	Dismissals
D Ripley	71
K M Krikken	57

1993

	Runs
G A Gooch	2023
N Hussain	1604
C W J Athey	1600
T S Curtis	1553
G A Hick	1522
J P Crawley	1474
A Dale	1472
V P Terry	1469
P R Pollard	1463
J E Morris	1457
	Wkts
S L Watkin	92
Mushtaq Ahmed	85
P M Such	76
S D Udal	74
J E Emburey	71
J P Taylor	69
M P Bicknell	67
K M Curran	67
J E Benjamin	64
P C R Tufnell	64
C A Walsh	64
	Dismissals
R C Russell	63
S A Marsh	61

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Fixture switch helps United's double challenge

BY PETER BALL

MANCHESTER United will not be able to blame a fixture pile-up if their dream of the double disintegrates. The FA Premier League and BSkyB Television agreed to move the Manchester derby back 48 hours to Saturday 23 April, its original date, allowing United to visit Leeds on April 27.

The match at Elland Road had been due to be played last Saturday and had been re-arranged originally for today. Instead, United's semi-final replay with Oldham has taken priority tonight.

"All the clubs and Sky have been very co-operative," Adrian Cook, the Premier League spokesman, said yesterday. "Sky were more than happy to switch the Manchester derby to the Saturday night, which was the key to the changes."

The game will now kick off at 5pm. Oldham's match with Tottenham Hotspur, the other casualty tonight, will now be played next Wednesday, an option not open to Leeds and Manchester United, who both lose players on international duty.

With fixtures mounting up, Manchester United had suggested playing Leeds after the official end to the season, but with the race for the title hotting up, Premier League officials were eager to protect the television climax on May 8, when both Blackburn Rovers' and United's final games will be shown live. The decision to move the derby game forward from the Monday makes for an acceptable compromise.

"It's the commonsense way out," Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said. "The April 27 date was the only option short of us having to play two games in three days."

The new dates will affect the suspensions of Eric Cantona and possibly Paul Ince, the latter depending on referee Philip Don's report of Ince's booking at Wembley on Sunday. It had been widely assumed that the booking took Ince over the 21-point mark, leading to an automatic one-match suspension 14 days after the date of the offence.

FIXTURES

MANCHESTER UNITED: Apr. 16: Wimbledon (a). 23: Manchester City (h). 27: Leeds United (a). May: 1: Ipswich Town (a). 4: Southampton (a). 8: Coventry City (h).

BLACKBURN ROVERS: Apr. 16: Southampton (a). 24: Queens Park Rangers (h). 27: West Ham United (a). May: 2: Coventry City (a). 8: Ipswich Town (h).

It emerged yesterday, however, that Ince's offence may have been "ungentlemanly conduct", which carries only two points rather than four and would leave Ince below 21 points. Everything will depend on the report Don posted to the FA before leaving to charge of a Uefa Cup semi-final in Italy. If it is a four-point offence, Ince will miss the match against Leeds rather than Manchester City because of the change of date.

The situation for Cantona is straightforward and is another bonus for United. He will return from his five-match ban against Manchester City, but the postponement of tonight's match with Leeds means that he will now be available to play against his former club.

Ferguson insists that the FA Carling Premiership title remains his priority, but it is hard to avoid the conclusion that United's fate is bound up with tonight's match. After Blackburn had increased the pressure a bit further as Alan Shearer's thirtieth goal of the season brought them an ultimately hard-earned victory over Aston Villa on Monday night, Andy Townsend suggested that Hughes's dramatic late equaliser in Sunday's semi-final could have an important effect on the championship.

"I think the race is going to go right to the wire now, there's not much between these teams," Townsend said, "but United have proved already at Wembley that they have got the nerve for it. They were able to drag themselves off the floor with that great goal from Mark Hughes and I think that goal will have lifted their spirits."

United have a game in hand and a superior goal difference so even winning all five games will not be enough for Blackburn if United do not falter. Yet, with difficult away trips to Wimbledon, Leeds and even Ipswich, where they traditionally struggle and lost last season, plus the Manchester derby with City in form, United's run-in has a series of potential obstacles. By contrast, Blackburn's most difficult game could be their visit to Southampton this Saturday. Thereafter, they have much the easier programme — at least on paper.



Ince must wait for referee's report before knowing if he is to be suspended during the championship run-in

Kanchelskis left out of Russian squad for World Cup

BY KEITH PIKE

ANDREI Kanchelskis, the Manchester United winger, has been omitted from the 35-strong provisional World Cup squad announced by the Russian football federation yesterday.

Kanchelskis, along with several other leading Russian players, has been critical of Pavel Sadyrin, the coach. They had been given until last Friday to indicate they would be prepared to play under Sadyrin in the finals this summer, and when they refused to do so, were excluded.

Igor Shalimov, the Internazionale striker, has also been left out. National associations have until June 6 to submit final 22-strong squads to Fifa, the world governing body, leaving time for a compromise to be reached.

Southampton, without the suspended Matthew Le Tissier for their important FA Carling Premiership relegation match against Tottenham Hotspur on April 23, learned yesterday that Iain Dowie and Francis Benali will also miss the game because of cautions received against Norwich City on Saturday that took them through the disciplinary points barrier.

Richard Thompson, the Queens Park Rangers chairman, is to meet with supporters' representatives tomorrow. The move comes 11 days after fans went onto the pitch at Loftus Road at half-time to express their concern over the club's future.

"It is imperative for the good of the team and to prevent any Football Association sanctions that the supporters and myself talk the whole thing through," Thompson said yesterday.

Queens Park Rangers play Chelsea in an FA Carling Premiership match tonight having lost three successive matches and conceded 11 goals after the sale of Darren Peacock, the defender, to Newcastle United.

Fulham have denied speculation that Bobby Gould is to be appointed manager in succession to Don Mackay, who was dismissed last month. "There is no appointment imminent," a spokesman said yesterday. "Ray Lewington [who was appointed caretaker after Mackay's departure] has the manager's job for the forseeable future."

Andy Awford, the Portsmouth central defender, will not play again this season because of damaged knee ligaments.

Leeds wary of losing habit

THEY may have been stretched to a 46-46 draw with Sheffield Eagles but, last Sunday, Leeds still maintained an unbeaten run that had begun when they booked their Silk Cut Challenge Cup final place at the expense of St Helens last month (Christopher Irvine writes).

Leeds and St Helens meet again tonight at Knowsley Road and both require wins to press claims for a top-eight finish in the Stones Bitter Championship and subsequent qualification for the premiership competition. Leeds also need to continue building momentum ahead of the final with Wigan at Wembley on April 30.

Widnes last year — and Castleford and St Helens before — let their form lapse after winning their way to Wembley and were gripped by a losing habit by the time they met Wigan in the final. Leeds are determined not to hand the holders that same psychological advantage.

"It is a big enough boost for Wigan to be playing at what has become their second home," Doug Laughton, the Leeds manager, said. "We beat Wakefield Trinity and Halifax over Easter and there's every incentive for us to go on winning and creating a head of steam."

If they demonstrate anything like the form that left Hull licking their wounds after a nine-try hiding on Sunday, St Helens could well upset the best-laid plans of Leeds, which have been disrupted by a string of recent injuries. Gary Rose has broken a forearm and Neil Harmon, his fellow prop forward, will learn later this week if he, too, will miss the final, after breaking a thumb against Sheffield. Also missing tonight is Garry Schofield, who has a groin injury, while Ellery Hanley, Richie Eyres, Kevin Iro and James Lowes are all rated doubtful.

Leeds have, meanwhile, joined Featherstone Rovers and Warrington in targetting the highly-impressive French second-row forward, Daniel Divet, who will shortly be out of contract at Hull, where he has made a considerable impact this season.

Whitaker chases cup treble

JOHN Whitaker and Everest Milton will attempt to crown their outstanding partnership with a third success in the final of show jumping's Volvo World Cup which begins here in 's-Hertogenbosch, Holland, today (Jenny MacArthur writes). Whitaker, his younger brother, Michael, and Nick Skelton will represent Great Britain in the event in which 42 riders from 15 nations are due to compete.

This will be Whitaker's seventh World Cup final with Milton — and his last. "He's 17 now," Whitaker said, "and not getting any younger." Recent performances, though, have underlined a return to form and made Whitaker optimistic.

After a nine-month absence through injury, Milton returned to international competition in Dortmund last month where he was eighth in the World Cup qualifying rounds. In Paris a week later, he earned a standing ovation when finishing second to the Dutchman, Jos Lansink, on Libero.

Milton's record in the final is unequalled. He won in 1990 and 1991 and was runner-up in 1989 and again last year. A third win would put the seal on a remarkable career that has made the British-bred Milton the envy of the world and brought his owners, Mr and Mrs Tom Bradley, nearly £1.25 million in prize-money.

Whitaker, the only British winner of the cup, will ride Everest Grannusch in the opening speed leg of the three-part final tomorrow and save Milton for the two bigger rounds on Friday and Sunday. Both horses will compete in the warm-up classes today.

"I think Hugo Simon, of Austria, and Michael will be the two we have to beat — Lansink's horse may not have the scope when the courses get big," he said.

Michael Whitaker, whose highest placing in the final was sixth in 1985, has the choice between his European bronze medal-winner, Everest Midnight Madness, and Everest Two Step, while Skelton has had to fall back on Everest Limited Edition after Major Wager, his main contender, ruptured a tendon.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Semi-final, replay
Manchester Utd v Oldham (at Maine Road, 7.45)

FA Carling Premiership
QPR v Chelsea (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Stoke v Peterborough (7.45)
Second division
Bradford v Fulham

GM Vauxhall Conference
Dagenham and Red v Welling (7.45)

Tennents Scottish Cup
Semi-final, replay
Rangers v Kilmarnock (at Hampden Park)

Scottish League
First division
Hamilton v Morton
Second division
Stranraer v Montrose

European Champions League
Group A
Monaco v Barcelona
Galatasaray v Spartak Moscow (6.0)
Group B
Anderlecht v Werder Bremen
FC Porto v AC Milan

Cup Winners' Cup
Semi-final, second leg
Parma (1) v Benfica (2)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dorking v Sutton.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Morecambe; Fleetwood v Winsford; Frickley v Marine; Horwich v Knowsley. Challenge Cup: Semi-final: Accrington Stanley v Spennymoor; Leek v Hyde. First division: Congleton v Radcliffe.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Moor Green. Midland division: Dudley v King's Lynn. Southern division: Canterbury v Wealdstone; Salisbury v Margate.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Congleton v Radcliffe.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore v Crediton, Saltash v Torrington; Tiverton v Taunton.

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton v Bootle; Flixton v Salford; Kidsgrove v St Helens; Nantwich v Clitheroe; Penrith v Glossop; Rossendale v Bacup.

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Sheffield Utd, Manchester Utd v Sunderland; Newcastle v Derby, Nottingham Forest v Leeds; Wolverhampton v Notts County; York v Leicester. Second division: Blackpool v West Bromwich; Burnley v Port Vale (7.15); Grimsby v Barnsley; Rotherham v Middlesbrough; Tranmere v Manchester City.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Chelsea (7.15); Bristol Rovers v Millwall; Oxford Utd v Swindon; Portsmouth v West Ham (7.0). Second division: Cardiff v Yeovil, Plymouth v Hereford; Swansea v Exeter. League Cup: Final, first leg: Birmingham v Torquay (2.0)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale v Briton Ferry, Haverfordwest v Inter Cardiff; Ton Pentre v Llanelli

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Ards v Coleraine (at Seaview, 7.45).

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Semi-final: Bohemians v Derry; Sligo v Limerick.

CRICKET

University matches
(11.30 to 6.30, first day of three)
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Durham

RUGBY UNION

Inter-services tournament
Royal Navy v RAF (at Twickenham, 3.0)

Heineken League
Second division
Llanharan v Treorchy (7.0)

CLUB MATCHES: Clifton v Gloucester; London Irish v Army

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Sweden v Japan (Melrose). Pool B: Scotland v Russia (Boroughmuir). Pool C: Scottish Students v Ireland (West of Scotland). Pool D: Wales v Kazakhstan (Edinburgh Academicals).

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: 18 Group: England v Ireland (Durham City, 6.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Hull v Sheffield (8.0)
St Helens v Leeds

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European welterweight championship: Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) v Alessandro Duran (Italy) (at Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow)

GOLF: Father and Son tournament (West Hill).

SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Knockout Cup: First round, first leg: Belle Vue v Eastbourne. British League: Second division: Long Eaton v Middlesbrough.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

VARANGIAN

(b) One of the Scandinavian rovers who in the 9th and 10th centuries overran parts of Russia and reached Constantinople, hence a Northman (latterly also an Anglo-Saxon) forming one of the bodyguard of the later Byzantine emperors, from the medieval Greek *Barangos*, an attempt at the Old Norse *Vǽringi* plighted faith: "The Varangians, a race of bold pirates who infested the coasts of the Baltic."

YLEM

(c) The primordial substance from which all the elements in the universe were supposed by early philosophers to have been formed. Thought by the ancients to have been water, by the moderns to be hydrogen, and by the Chinese to be monosodium glutinate.

ACOLAUST

(c) One that revels in sensual pleasures (like the prodigal of the parable), an adaptation of the Greek *akolastos* unchastened, licentious, cf. *acolastic*: "The acolaust loathes the service of that churl, that allowed him no better diet than husks."

BATHYBIUS

(c) A name given by Huxley to a gelatinous substance dredged up in mud from the lower depths of the Atlantic Ocean, at first supposed to be a formless mass of living protoplasm, but now regarded as an inorganic precipitate, from the Greek *bathus* deep + *bios* life. A useful name for the ring of waste-matter left on the sides of the bath by your younger brother for you to scrape off. "The bathybius may possibly be merely the pulpy sarcode of sponges."

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FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

DEN BOSCH, Holland: European team championships: Group 1A: Russia 4 Scotland 1; Sweden 5 Russia 0. Group 1B: England 3 Germany 2; Denmark 4 England 1. Group 2C: Norway 2 Wales 3; Holland 5 Norway 0. Group 2D: Finland 3 Iceland 2; Poland 3 Finland 2. Group 3E: Austria 4 Belgium 1; Ireland 3 Czech Republic 2. Group 3F: Bulgaria 3 France 2; Switzerland 2 Ukraine 3.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 5 Chicago 9; Philadelphia 7 Colorado 8; Montreal 4 (11 inns) Cincinnati 9. Postponed: Los Angeles at St Louis.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 4 Baltimore 7; California 8 Cleveland 9; Oakland 5 Toronto 14; Texas 3; Milwaukee 4; Kansas City 5 (10 inns) Boston 6; Seattle 9 Minnesota 8 (10 inns)

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 99 Miami 97; Orlando 108 New York 100, Indiana 121 Boston 108; San Antonio 101 Minnesota 89; Golden State 122 Dallas 108; Sacramento 118 Los Angeles Clippers 97.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: EBA championships: Fours: Final: Cyphers (G Smith) bt Paddington (S Helmei) 19-16. Triples: Quarter-finals: Stanley (J Leeman) bt Ilminster (N Rowe) 21-6; Blackpool Borough (N Burrows) bt Church Gresley (J Barnett) 24-12; Boston (M Tomlin) bt Clevedon (G Luker) 22-12; Cyphers (G Smith) bt Isis (R Maclee) 19-11

CANOEING

CORSICA: Wild Water International: Women: K1: 1, A Tordoff (GB) 14min 50.10sec; 2, K Wallpot (Ger) 14:56.75; 3, S Eichenberger (Switz) 15:04.19. Overall: Women: K1: 1, Eichenberger 72pts; 2, Wallpot 60; 3, Tordoff 57; 4, L Rae (GB) 48. Men: K1: 1, M Gickler (Ger) 155; 2, I Tordoff (GB) 109; 8, A Tordoff (GB) 97. C1: 1, J Bonnardel (Fr) 72; 7, R Pumphrey (GB) 37.

CRICKET

THE PARKS (one-day match): Northamptonshire 39-0 (12 overs) v Oxford University. Match abandoned — rain.

CYCLING

NORTHERN RRA JUNIOR 25 MILES: S Jenkinson (East Bradford) 52min 52sec (record).

ETON FIVES

LUDGROVE, Berkshire: Kinnaird Cup: Final: J Mole and R Mason bt E Wess and J Halstead 14-15, 12-3, 15-10, 10-15, 15-12.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Birmingham 3 Bournemouth 3.

ASIAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Final, second leg: Al-Qadissiye (S Arabia) 2 South China (HK) 0 (agg: 6-2)

Late results on Monday

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn 1 Aston Villa 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage 1 Wokingham 0; Sutton 3 Aylesbury 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 1 Farnborough 0; Hednesford 1 Atherstone 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Curzon Ashton 0 Warrington 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 2 Penrith 2; Eastwood Hanley 3 Glossop North End 1; Flixton 1 Bootle 3; St Helens 0 Nantwich 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield 4 Winterton 1

PONTINS LEAGUE First division: Leeds 1 Coventry 0; Leicester 1 Nottingham Forest 1; Newcastle 1 Sheffield Wednesday 1; Sunderland 1 Everton 1; York 0 Notts County 1. Second division: Blackpool 0 Stoke 2; Mansfield 2 Preston 0; West Bromwich 2 Scunthorpe 0

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Millwall 1 Ipswich 1; Southampton 1 Bristol Rovers 2; Swindon 0 Crystal Palace 6; Watford 1 Tottenham 2; West Ham 2 Charlton 2. Second division: Cheltenham 0 Birmingham 2, Yeovil 3 Hereford 0.

GOLF

WEST HILL GC: Father and Son Tournament First Round: T L Barclay (Bradford) and W Barclay (Royal Wimbledon) bt A E and R Oakes (Hunstanton) 4 and 3. H E and J Webb (New Zealand) bt B M and B Clarke (Hollye) 1 hole; D J and D Baxter (Holme Hall) bt D F R and A Lord (Northants County) 2 and 1; I F M Hine (St Endoc) and J Hine (Bristol) bt Dr K S and M MacLean (Tandridge) 2 and 1; S R Stradling (Rye) and C Stradling (Roehampton) bt A C D Mann (Bristol) and C A Mann (Clifton) 5 and 4. D P Horne (Royal Porthcawl) and A Horne (Bearsted) bt W G Barney (West Hill) and W Barney (Sherborne) 4 and 3; E G Hurst (High Post) and R Hurst (Sunningdale) bt C C J Harridge (Cowdray Park) and J Harridge (Worplesdon) 3 and 2; B H and J Smart (Guildford) bt C J Freeston (Woburn) and P Freeston (Leicestershire) 1 hole; G M H and P Walker (Woking) bt R W and P Long (Windmill Hill) 19th; R J and J Lavelle (Berkshire) bt N A and N Paul (Reigate Hill) 5 and 4; P G Cornish (West Hill) and J Cornish (Liphook) bt G and A Toadevin (Pinner Hill) 1 hole; M R W and J Attoe (Worplesdon) bt S A E and C Staveley (Hunstanton) 5 and 4; Dr F L Dyson (Royal Porthcawl) and P Dyson (Ashridge) bt R W Elliott (Littlehampton) and N Elliott (Bramley) 1 hole, S R and R Warrin (Pinner Hill) bt B M and P Janes (John O'Gaunt) 6 and 5; J A Piggott (Littlehampton) and R Piggott (Penwale) bt R J and C Coombes (Walton Heath) 4 and 3; E J Farmer (Royal Eastbourne) and M Farmer (North Hants) bt B G Sharp (Royal Eastbourne) and M Sharp (Bramley) 1 hole; R Macpherson (New Zealand) and M Macpherson (Corhampton) bt A and J Sparrow (Lytham Green) 1 hole; B J and R Groce (Pinner Hill) bt P W S Boult (Chislehurst) and G Boult (Radley College) 4 and 2; J R and A Feltham (Kingsdown) bt V F Davis (Wyke Green) and M Davis (Sudbury) 3 and 2; J and P Murphy-O'Connor (Denham) bt J M and P Casale (Reigate Heath) 2 and 1; P M and J Franklin-Adams (Walton Heath) bt P F B and M Cooper (Huntercombe) 5 and 3.

P G and D Sechiari (Woking) bt M J and B Bracey (Bristol and Clifton) 5 and 4; A S and J Lloyd (Royal St Georges) bt G N Batt-Rawden (Haywards Heath) and M Batt-Rawden (West Hill) 2 and 1; J Baldwin (Tandridge) and T Baldwin (East Berks) bt A and T Swanston (Worplesdon) 2 holes; T E Clutton (Wrexham) and E Clutton (West Lothian) bt D W and D Pryor (Woking) 1 hole M M Lawson (Stoneham) and P Lawson (Hockley) bt M T C and T Waugh (Walton Heath) 1 hole; R J and P Hill (Worplesdon) bt P A and S Tedrake (Worplesdon) 4 and 3; J G and G Gow (Formby) bt Dr J S Taylor (West Hill) and W Taylor (Cooden Beach) 2 and 1; A J and G Skivington (Tandridge) bt E R and V Bailes (Stoke Poges) 3 and 2; B J and G Taylor (Thorpe Hall) bt D E Anderson (Redhill) and P Anderson (Betchworth Park) 4 and 3; W E and J McCrea (Walton Heath) bt G F Abercrombie (Hayling) and J Abercrombie (Highgate) 5 and 4; J D and P Nash (Betchworth Park) bt D P G C and J Sinker (Stinchcombe Hill) 4 and 3; J N and C Gems (Malden) bt J A and R Gill (Worplesdon) 2 and 1; D and A Greenhalgh (Royal Mid Surrey) bt P G and S Smith (Surbiton) 2 holes; J G and R Stevens (Royal Worlington) wo B E and M Joseph (Glamorgan) scr.

Dr M R Geake (St Endoc) and T Geake (Royal Adelaide) bt D P A and J Cox (Sunningdale) 19th; D W Sykes (East Devon) and P Sykes (Thornbury) bt J Niven (Newbury) and A Niven (Royal Cinque Ports) 4 and 3; M S Rees (Bristol and Clifton) and R Rees (Henbury) bt E and R Pearce (Reigate Heath) 3 and 2; A W and G Morrison (Chigwell) bt O and R Logan (Hankley Common) 6 and 5; D L and C J Donald (W Sussex) bt H A and T Moss (W Sussex) 7 and 5; A C and J Aylwin (Sunningdale) bt B White (Hadley Wood) and J White (S Herts) 6 and 4; W T Shiels (Stratford-on-Avon) and L Shiels (Copt Heath) bt J A Murphy (Skelmorlie) and R Murphy (West Berks) 5 and 3; R S and S Cox (Burnham Beeches) bt D H G and P Goodliffe (Littlestone) 7 and 6; Dr J D and R Williams (Chislehurst) bt D and A Knill-Jones (Banstead Downs) 5 and 3.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S WEST LEAGUE: Clifton & 1 St Austell 0; East Gloucester 2 Exeter 0; Exeter II 1 Swindon 1; Gloucester 2 Leominster 1; Redland 0 Bournemouth 1; Weston 1 Wimborne 2; Yate 0 Cheltenham 5. Final positions: 1, Cheltenham 32pts; 2, Redland 31; 3, St Austell 26. (Cheltenham qualify for national play-offs).

WOMEN'S WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Newtown 1 Swansea 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 3 Hartford 1; Pittsburgh 4 Ottawa 0; Calgary 3 Anaheim 0.

COPENHAGEN: World championships: Pool B: Switzerland 10 Holland 0.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Peel Hunt under-24 doubles championship: Final: Eton (H Swinglehurst and J Larken) bt Harrow (H Foster and A Hodgson) 7-15, 15-11, 13-18, 15-11, 15-3, 15-4.

SHOOTING

BARBADOS: Rifle tour match: 1, London and Middlesex A 1,271.121; 2, Barbados A 1,253.55; 3, London and Middlesex B 1,232.84; 4, Barbados B 1,175.57.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Reading 56 Belle Vue 40; Wolves 55 Coventry 41. Second division: Exeter 45 Peterborough 50; Newcastle 59 Edinburgh 37.

INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONS CUP: Glasgow 47 Belle Vue 49.

TENNIS

NICE: Men's tournament: First round: A Chesnokov (Russ) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-0, 6-3; R Gilbert (Fr) bt J Svensson (Swe) 7-6, 6-4; T Guardiola (Fr) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; M Ondruska (SA) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 7-6, 1-6, 7-5; E Alvarez (Sp) bt G Schaller (Austria) 7-6, 7-6; W Ferreira (SA) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-5, 6-1; P Cane (It) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt D Sanguinetti (It) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; A Berasategui (Sp) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 7-6, 6-3; D Rikl (Cz) bt M Visconti (It) 6-3, 6-4; J Arrese (Sp) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-4, 6-2; J Courier (US) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-3, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt R Agenor (Haiti) 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; J Burillo (Sp) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-4, 4-0, ret; C Pioline (Fr) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-4, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt H de la Pena (Arg) 6-1, 1-1, ret.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: First round: B Gilbert (US) bt G Raoux (Fr) 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; J Morgan (Aus) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-3, 6-4; P Rafter (Aus) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-2, 6-3.

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama: Men's tournament: First round: J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-2, 6-4, J Eltingh (Holl) bt H Dreekman (Ger) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; D Orsanic (Arg) bt L Mattar (Br) 6-3, 7-6; A Mancini (Arg) bt M Stringari (Arg) 6-3, 6-3; S Bryan (US) bt J Oncins (Br) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; R Reneberg (US) bt C Woodruff (US) 6-1, 6-2; G Markus (Arg) bt J Arias (US) 7-6, 6-2.

YACHTING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fort Lauderdale): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 3,290 miles; equal 2, Winston (B Buserworth, US), Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 3,323; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 3,324; 5, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 3,336; 6, Heineken (D Riley, US) 3,399; 7, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 3,413; 8, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 3,585; 9, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 4,365. Maxi class: 1 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Swiss) 3,300; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 3,336; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 3,346; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Varaini, Urg) 3,850.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, NEW REPUTATION (M Hills, 6-1); 2, Muntafi (R Hills, 20-1); 3, Mr Artistic (Pat Eddery, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Ikis Girl, Triple Tie (5th), 11-2 Apache Pluma, 7 Poltarf, 8 Ehtefaal (6th), 16 Foil Stone (4th), Sea Raven, 33 Cuango 11 ran. NR: Superluminal. 3½l, sh hd, 3½l, 1¾l, 5l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £7.20; £1.80, £8.30, £2.30. DF: £131.10. CSF: £103.29

2.35 (6f) 1, NUMBERED ACCOUNT (M Hills, 15-2); 2, Night Bell (L Dettori, 2-1 fav); 3, Alzeered (W Carson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Western General, 11 Stratum, 12 Brave Vanessa, 14 Istibshar (5th), 20 Blue Voyage, Titanium Honda, 33 Hips'N Haws, 50 Ebony Blaze (6th), Nais, Ringmaster, Roses Galore (4th), Waikiki Beach. 15 ran. ½l, ¾l, ½l, 1l, 1l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £2.20, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £16.50. CSF: £23.09.

3.05 (6f) 1, MIDHISH (W R Swinburn, 100-30); 2, Splice (L Dettori, 7-1); 3, Rafferty's Rules (K Fallon, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Montendre, 9 Chaddleworth, 12 Petula (4th). 20 Amron, Serious (6th), 25 Big Sky (5th). 50 Master Planner, 66 First Veil, Metal Storm. 12 ran. NR: Call Me I'm Blue. 1¾l, 2l, nk, 1¼l, 1¼l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £1.90, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £14.60. Trio: £20.10. CSF: £24.50.

3.40 (7f) 1, MEHTHAAF (W Carson, 100-30); 2, Prophecy (Pat Eddery, 7-1); 3, Salvezza (J Fortune, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Fairy Heights (5th), 7 Ballenna, 9 Luana (6th). 14 Blue Siren, Rohita. 16 Reason To Dance, Red Rita (4th). 25 Fawaakeh. 11 ran. NR: Glatisant. 4l, hd, hd, nk, 2l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £2.60, £15.90. DF: £10.30 Trio: £961.80. CSF: £24.88.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, WINDRUSH LADY (J Reid, 14-1); 2, Wainwright (L Dettori, 15-2); 3, Let's Get Lost (J Quinn, 9-1); 4, Beauman (T Quinn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Swift Silver (5th), 10 Chatham Island, Lucky Guest, Spin Doctor, 14 Gone Troppo, 16 Deevee, 20 Barford Lad, Bentico, Glide Path, Knock Knock, Realities, 25 Virkon Venture (6th). 16 ran. Hd, 2½l, ¾l, ½l, 2l. M McCormack at Wantage. Tote: £20.80; £4.00, £2.00, £2.90, £5.00. DF: £41.50. Trio: £182.70. CSF: £107.81. Tricast: £922.61.

4.50 (7f) 1, WIZARD KING (J Lowe, 7-1); 2, Brocture Gold (K Darley, 6-1); 3, Dontforget Insight (T Quinn, 13-2); 4, Secundus (B Doyle, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Teetotaller, 11 Orange Place (6th), Realize, 12 Faras Eneas, 14 Southern Power, Wild Ace (5th), 16 Manhattan Sunset, 20 The Multiyorker, Vanessa Rose, 25 Little Beaut, 33 Heathyards Lady, Laltah, Leap Of Faith. 17 ran. NR: Tower Green. 3½l, nk, 1¾l, 6l, nk. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £9.10; £2.20, £2.00, £1.80, £4.80. DF: £15.60. Trio: £65.20. CSF: £46.98. Tricast: £285.38.

5.25 (1m 2f) 1, SIEVE OF TIME (M Roberts, 12-1). 2, Mokhtar (W Carson, 7-1); 3, Zaldivar (K Darley, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Lombardic (4th), 8 Bataan (6th). 10 Addaih, 14 Double Dagger, High Account, 16 Well Beloved, 20 Sadler's Walk, 25 Celadesi, Flawed Logic, Mast, Mowlaie, 33 Anyar Reem, Noblissima (5th), 50 Bayan, Chanson D'Avril, Jarmar Moon, Pfiib, Tannoor, Tarthooth, Virtual Reality. 23 ran. NR: Century. Hd, 2l, 2½l, 1¾l, sh hd. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £15.20; £3.10, £3.00, £1.80 DF: £36.10. CSF: £97.22.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £101,761.37 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £392.00.

Sedgefield

Going: good

2.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Hot Punch (P Waggott, 5-2); 2, Rythmic Rymer (7-1); 3, Miss Construe (14-1). Farmer's Cross 2-1 fav. 18 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. H Alexander. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £10.60. CSF: £20.00

2.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Any Dream Would Do (C Hawkins, 6-1), 2, Who's Tef (7-2 fav); 3, Red Jam Jar (5-1). 13 ran. NR: Salman. ½l, 1½l. P Beaumont. Tote: £8.90; £3.30, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £9.30. Trio: £15.50. CSF £23.78. Tricast: £100.18.

3.20 (3m 3f ch) 1, Morgans Harbour (N Smith, 13-8 fav); 2, Carousel Calypso (20-1); 3, Choctaw (8-1). 14 ran. NR: Jelupe, Red Under The Bed. 1½l, 25l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £14.50. Trio: £84.10. CSF: £32.48. Tricast: £199.90

3.55 (2m 1f ch) 1, Explosive Speed (C Grant, 6-1), 2, Doradus (9-2); 3, Shrewd John (4-1 jt-fav). Issyin 4-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: Doctor Briggs, Northern Vision. 8l, ¾l. M Hammond. Tote: £8.50; £2.30, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £19.00. CSF: £32.05.

4.30 (3m 3f ch) 1, Goggins Hill (Mr J Greenall, 5-6 fav); 2, Sporting Mariner (6-1); 3, Linebacker (10-1). 9 ran. NR: Ila A Deal, Marshalstoneswood. 3½l, 2l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £1.60; £1.60, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.74.

5.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Twin States (W Fry, 8-1); 2, Other Ranks (33-1); 3, Briar's Delight (25-1). Ali's Alibi 7-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Mischievous Girl, Sharkashka, Strathbogie Mist, Tango In Paris, Wang How. 5l, 11l. J Turner. Tote: £15.40; £2.40, £43.40, £14.40. DF: £207.00. CSF: £229.14. Tricast: £5,761.50.

Placepot: £3,236.40.

Uttoxeter

Going: heavy

2.10 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Primo Figlio (A Maguire, 14-1); 2, Mariners Love (12-1); 3, Princethorpe (12-1); 4, Petroclus (5-1). Moynsha House 5-4 fav. 16 ran. 8l, 2l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £10.10; £1.50, £2.20, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £81.60. Trio: £143.40. CSF: £182.74. Tricast: £1,937.61.

2.40 (3m 2f ch) 1, Brabazon (A Maguire, 3-1 fav); 2, Special Account (14-1); 3, Veleda II (10-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 20l. M Tompkins. Tote: £3.60; £2.10, £7.60, £3.70. DF: £65.80. Trio: £356.60. CSF: £44.70. Tricast: £363.93.

3.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Rafiki (M A Fitzgerald, 11-4); 2, Balda Boy (16-1); 3, Mo Ichi Do (33-1). Andermatt 11-8 fav. 7 ran. 3½l, 7l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £4.40. DF: £15.50. CSF: £35.48.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, Prerogative (R Dunwoody, 10-11 fav); 2, Romalito (2-1); 3, Volunteer Point (5-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.90.

4.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Dont Tell The Wife (D Bridgwater, 15-8); 2, Crosula (5-4 fav), 3, King Of Shadows (66-1). 8 ran. 6l, dist. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £1.20, £28.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.16.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Rain-N-Sun (T Wall, 7-1); 2, Red Indien (6-4 fav); 3, Doolar (7-4). 4 ran. NR: What If. 1½l, 9l. J Harris. Tote: £6.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £16.43.

Placepot: £373.30.

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Mehthaaf makes her mark

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A TYPICALLY dank opening to the Craven meeting at Newmarket yesterday was illuminated in the best possible style by the John Dunlop-trained Mehthaaf, whose spectacular victory in the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes promoted her to favouritism for the Madagans 1,000 Guineas.

No filly since Oh So Sharp has used the opening classic trial of the season as a springboard to 1,000 Guineas success, but as spring rain washed across the Rowley Mile, Mehthaaf lifted the gloom with a runaway success which looked considerably longer than the official margin of four lengths.

Having finished third over a mile in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp last autumn, the step back in distance yesterday ensured Willie Carson always had the Nureyev filly towards the fore. Despite a moderate early pace, Mehthaaf quickened in style from the two furlong pole, just as Fairy Heights, the 5-2 favourite, looked set to make her challenge, and soon opened up a sizeable gap between herself and toiling rivals.


JULIAN HERBERT
Carson drives Mehthaaf to an impressive victory in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

In a recent interview Carson, aged 51, said he could not see himself riding either of the Guineas winners this year. The cackle he let forth as he dismounted told a different tale. "Nothing that finished behind us today will beat me in the Guineas," said Carson, who is chasing a 17th classic success. "My worry today was that she might be outpaced by the sprinting types, but she quickened up really well."

Dunlop, who won the 1,000 Guineas with Quick As Lightning in 1980, Salsabil in 1990 and Shadayid a year later, runs the well-regarded Bulaxie in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury on Friday. The two fillies have worked together on the Arundel gallops, but Carson said: "Bulaxie is still climbing the ladder and hopefully she will reach the top, but this filly has done it as a two-year-old and the extra furlong will suit her on Guineas day."

The 5-1 offered against Mehthaaf for the 1,000 Guineas by Ladbrokes quickly disappeared after punters watching on television plunged on the winner, and she is now a best priced 4-1 with William Hill and Victor Chandler.

Betting during the early part of any Flat season can prove a hazardous occupation, but Midhish should be followed until the ground dries up. Ben Hanbury's sprinter looked to have strengthened up and improved considerably when winning in the Kempton mud last week. The impression was confirmed when the Green Desert colt was stepped up in class for the Abernant Stakes.

Walter Swinburn had a peep over his shoulder two furlongs from home before asking Midhish to quicken, and he quickly wrapped up the race. "He is an improved horse and the ground makes a big difference to him. He will go for all the top sprints provided the ground remains like this," Hanbury said.

One of the quickest ways to the poor house is to follow the "talking horses" that make their debuts at this meeting. John Gosden's newcomer Night Bell was a warm order in the Multiyork Stetchworth Maiden Stakes, but the 2-1 favourite could not catch Numbered Account, who clearly benefited from having a run last season.

The victory confirmed the good start to this season by Willie Haggas, who reflected: "For the last two years my horses have not been healthy. Healthy horses are the secret to training."

The well-touted Zaldivar suffered a similar fate to Night Bell in the closing Museum Stakes, where Clive Brittain's Sieve Of Time made virtually all the running and just held Mokhtar in a driving finish.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Baileys Sunset. 3.20 Bet A Plan. 3.50 Big Chance. 4.25 Whittle Woods Girl. 5.00 Visto Si Stampi. 5.30 Star Rage. 6.00 Ptoto.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.25 WHITTLE WOODS GIRL.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 STRAWBERRY HILL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,866: 5f) (14 runners)

1 (9) BAILEYS SUNSET M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver –
2 (14) GOSPEL SONG W Kemp 9-0 J Lowe –
3 (6) 2 MONKEY ADEL 13 (BF) J Berry 9-0 G Carter –
4 (4) MR LOWRY R Bass 9-0 W Woods –
5 (1) PENBOLA M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch –
6 (11) PRINCE RUDOLF M Fetherston-Godley 9-0 F Norton –
7 (5) 03 VOCAL COMMAND 11 G Lewis 9-0 S Perks –
8 (10) WINTERBOUND Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 B Russell (5) –
9 (3) BORDESLEY BELLE D Nicholls 8-9 Alex Greaves –
10 (13) GRIMSTON QUEEN M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas –
11 (2) LA CIOTAT S Norton 8-9 N Connorton –
12 (7) 5 MISS REBEL 13 Mrs G Kelleway 8-9 Dean McKeown –
13 (8) 0 POLLI PUI 20 P Evans 8-9 D Holland –
14 (12) 4 REMONTANT 9 R Hollinshead 8-9 A Munro –

3-1 Monkey Adel, 5-1 Vocal Command, 6-1 Baileys Sunset, 8-1 others.

3.20 OSSETT SELLING STAKES (Div I: £2,469: 1m 4yd) (14)

1 (5) 3500 RESPECTABLE JONES 5 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-9-7 S Perks 92
2 (2) 24/ SHARP N' SMOOTH 538 (D,F,G) W Kemp 7-9-7 J Lowe –
3 (6) 0024 WATERLORD 5 (S) D Nicholls 4-9-7 Alex Greaves 97
4 (3) 0/3 ARJJIL 18 W Tomkins 5-9-2 S Mulvey (7) 91
5 (1) 0-00 BUZZ-B-BABE 7 (V) B Ellison 4-9-2 J Fanning 82
6 (12) 00-0 DESIRABLE MISS 40 (V,S) M Brittain 4-9-2 J Marshall (5) 71
7 (7) 000- FASHIONABLE DANCER 218 C Brittain 4-9-2 B Doyle (3) 87
8 (8) 046- PERSIAN LION 222J F Watson 5-9-2 A Mackay 65
9 (4) 460- ROUND BY THE RIVER 317 (D,F,G,S) W Haigh 5-9-2 Dean McKeown 95
10 (11) 5050 TELMAR SYSTEMS 16 A Harry 5-9-2 C Scally (7) –
11 (9) 405/ MENIZEN LEADER 1638 J Pearce 7-8-11 G Bardwell –
12 (14) -205 BET A PLAN 7 (F) P Evans 3-8-0 S Sanders (5) ■
13 (13) 500- READY MONEY RILEY 196 B McMath 3-8-0 E Johnson 76
14 (10) 06 SYLVAN CELEBRATION 23 M Johnston 3-7-9 S Bethley –

7-2 Sharp N' Smooth, 5-1 Arjjil, Bet A Plan, 6-1 Waterlord, 8-1 others.

3.50 PHIL CARRICK TESTIMONIAL HANDICAP (£3,262: 1m 2f 6yd) (19)

1 (17) 600- SON OF SHARP SHOT 159 (D,G) J Dunlop 4-9-11 G Carter 93
2 (12) 260- GRAND VITESSE 173 R Bastiman 5-9-9 H Bastiman (5) 95
3 (19) 4-02 KARACHI 18 (D,G) C Brittain 4-9-9 B Doyle (3) 88
4 (1) 60/ TOLLS CHOICE 60J (S) M W Easterby 5-9-2 T Lucas –
5 (7) 550- BEAUMONT 166 (D,S) J Pearce 4-9-1 J Quinn 91
6 (14) 086- IJAB 25J J Parkes 4-8-10 Dean McKeown ■
7 (10) 25/ MARYLAND WILLIE 663 (F) M Chapman 7-8-8 S Webster –
8 (2) 05-0 NAHLATI 21 Miss S Hall 4-8-8 M Fenton (3) 89
9 (6) 600- INDIAN SECRET 113 Mrs V Aconley 4-8-7 F Norton 92
10 (18) /00 BIG CHANCE 9 Mrs M Reveley 5-8-6 Darren Moffatt (5) 90
11 (11) /06 THEM TIMES 18 (F) F Jordan 5-8-5 D Holland –
12 (4) 6114 BRACKENTHWAITE 5 (B,D,G) T Barron 4-8-5 J Fortune 94
13 (9) 4063 ABELONI 6 (G) R Hollinshead 5-8-2 A Munro 90
14 (3) 60-0 BLASTER BATES 18 N Bycroft 3-7-10 J Fanning 89
15 (8) 000- SHAROUN 191 (D,F,G) M Brittain 7-7-7 J Lowe 92
16 (13) 060- TUSCANIA 219 E Incisa 4-7-7 Kim Tinkler –
17 (5) 300- MARY MACBLAIN 112J J Hams 5-7-7 A Mackay 83
18 (15) P00- NEGATORY 11J (C,F) M Chapman 7-7-7 G Bardwell –
19 (16) 00-0 VERRO 20J (G,S) B Forsey 7-7-7 D Wright (5) 80

4-1 Brackenthwaite, 7-1 Beaumont, Son Of Sharp Shot, 8-1 Abeloni, 10-1 others.

4.25 ST GILES FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,863: 6f) (15)

1 (11) 000- LADY SHERIFF 180 (F) M W Easterby 9-7 T Lucas 80
2 (14) 41-0 BOLD TIMING 18 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 G Parkin (7) 81
3 (4) 5-60 BROOKHEAD LADY 39 (D,F,S) P Evans 9-2 D Holland 80
4 (9) 321- FRISKY MISS 174 (CD,S) J Berry 9-1 G Carter 80
5 (12) 31-0 RANKAIDADE 20 (S) R Hollinshead 8-12 A Garth (5) 83
6 (15) 440- WACKY 158 R Bastiman 8-10 Dean McKeown 80
7 (7) 131- BENEFICIARY 162 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-10 M Birch 80
8 (13) 00-6 BERMUDA LADY 13 C Lewis 8-6 D Wright (5) 80
9 (10) 00-1 PRESENTLY 18 (S) M Bell 8-5 M Fenton (3) 83
10 (2) 146- STEADFAST ELITE 174 (D,S) J J O'Neill 8-5 J Weaver 80
11 (1) 42-0 TUTU SIXTYSIX 14 (F,G) E Incisa 7-13 Kim Tinkler 91
12 (8) 000- CAFE SOLO 180 N Bycroft 7-10 F Norton 80
13 (6) 0331 WHITTLE WOODS GIRL 8 (D,G) E Alston 7-10 (6ex) J Quinn ■
14 (3) -603 BANDITA 16 Mrs A Whitfield 7-9 R Street 80
15 (5) 600- PORTITE SOPHIE 174 M Brittain 7-7 J Lowe 80

9-2 Whittle Woods Girl, 5-1 Frisky Miss, 7-1 Beneficiary, Presently, 8-1 Bold Timing, 10-1 Bandita, 12-1 Lady Sheriff, Rankaidade, 14-1 others.

5.00 WEFT GATE CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,674: 1m 4yd) (4)

1 (1) 601- MELLOTTIE 165 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 9-9-13 J Lowe 92
2 (3) 14 RAINBOW WALK 20 (G) G Wragg 4-8-12 F Norton 91
3 (2) 220- VISTO SI STAMPI 185 (D,G,S) J Dunlop 4-8-11 W Ryan ■
4 (4) 440- SPANISH STORM 165 (G) S Woods 5-8-10 W Woods 93

7-4 Mellottie, 2-1 Visto Si Stampi, 5-2 Rainbow Walk, 6-1 Spanish Storm.

5.30 OSSETT SELLING STAKES (Div II: £2,469: 1m 4yd) (13)

1 (9) 300- MOHICAN BRAVE 156 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-7 M Birch 96
2 (1) 010- NORMAN WARRIOR 133J (B,D,S) D Moffatt 5-9-7 C Hodgson (3) 72
3 (13) 46-5 WORDSMITH 86 (CD,G) J Harris 4-9-7 D Holland ■
4 (11) 000- MASTAMIST 245J (B) R Voorspuy 5-9-2 N Adams –
5 (2) -000 MEXICAN DANCER 58 (D,G,S) P Howling 5-9-2 S Drowne (5) 70
6 (6) 0/0- STAR RAGE 23J M Johnston 4-9-2 J Weaver –
7 (10) /40 GLOW OF HOPE 54 E Alston 4-8-11 J Quinn –
8 (5) 6 ROYAL REBEKA 656 A Smith 4-8-11 S Webster –
9 (4) 5-63 SEA-AYR 14 Mrs S Austin 4-8-11 J Marshall (5) 93
10 (3) -445 LOVE OF THE NORTH 39 (G) R Juckes 3-8-5 A Garth (5) 90
11 (8) 0400 NORTHERN STORM 11 (D,G) R Emery 3-8-5 T Williams 85
12 (7) 6- CHARLIEEATSBAILEYS 116 B McMahon 3-8-0 E Johnson –
13 (12) 000- GWERNYMYNYDD 177 S Norton 3-7-9 Darren Moffatt (5) 85

5-2 Wordsmith, 5-1 Norman Warrior, 6-1 Sea Ayr, 7-1 Mohican Brave, 10-1 Love Of The North, Northern Storm, Star Rage, 12-1 Mexican Dancer, 14-1 others.

6.00 LADY BALK MAIDEN STAKES (£3,729: 1m 2f 6yd) (16)

1 (14) TOTAL ASSET T Caldwell 4-10-0 M Fenton (3) –
2 (5) 45- UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 329 C Brittain 4-9-9 B Doyle (3) 94
3 (2) 00- BIENVENU 120 (B) C W C Elsey 3-8-9 S Perks –
4 (8) 00- DESERT PRESIDENT 237 A Scott 3-8-9 J Fortune –
5 (4) I'M A NUT MAN C Smith 3-8-9 C Hodgson (3) –
6 (15) 00- JABAROOT 166 M Stoute 3-8-9 M Birch 90
7 (11) JATHIB B Hanbury 3-8-9 D Holland –
8 (7) 5 LORD OF A DANCE 9 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-9 Darren Moffatt (5) 82
9 (3) 040- MR TOWSER 167 W Haigh 3-8-9 Dean McKeown 71
10 (1) 2 ON THE COUNT 9 (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-9 S Whitworth 77
11 (12) 44- PTOTO 173 L Cumani 3-8-9 A Munro ■
12 (9) 5 RAINBOW ROAD 13 G Wragg 3-8-9 F Norton –
13 (6) 22- TOM WALLER 167 H Cecil 3-8-9 W Ryan 94
14 (13) 3- LATIFOLIA 160 D Loder 3-8-4 G Carter 81
15 (10) RACEME R Boss 3-8-4 W Woods –
16 (16) TRUE NINETTE B Hanbury 3-8-4 P Bowe (7) –

5-2 Tom Waller, 7-2 Ptoto, 7-1 On The Count, 8-1 Latifolia, 10-1 Rainbow Road, Upper Mount Clair, 10-1 Jabaroot, 14-1 Desert President, 16-1 others.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.00 Cambrel
2.35 Band On The Run
3.05 Ventiquattrofogli
3.40 STAR TALENT (nap)
4.15 Bit On The Side
4.45 Phar Lite
5.20 Opera Score

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Satin Velvet. 4.15 Learmont. 5.20 AIRPORT (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,737: 7f) (17 runners)

101 (13) 0- ARYAAH 223 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 T Quinn –
102 (4) 0- BROUGHTON SINGER 158 (B Fulton) W Musson 8-11 R Cochrane –
103 (9) 2- CAMBREL 176 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 M J Kinane 97
104 (8) 0- CARTE BLANCHE 317 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 A Clark –
105 (5) 36- EARTH CHARTER 205 (W Gredley) J Shaw 8-11 M Roberts 74
106 (16) FAIRY DOLL (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 J Carroll –
107 (2) 34- LITTLE BEDWYN 176 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid 76
108 (14) MISS LAETITIA (T Chadney) N Graham 8-11 G Duffield –
109 (11) 3- MUR TAASHA 223 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11 W Carson ■
110 (12) 26- RAKNAH 202 (J Abdullah) B Hanbury 8-11 B Raymond 97
111 (7) 3- SATIN VELVET 189 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 L Dettori 88
112 (15) SIR HARRY'S WALTZ (Dale Ltd) B Hills 8-11 B Thomson –
113 (1) 4- TAKREEM 264 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 R Hills 98
114 (17) 0- TOTALLY TICKLED 238 (W Jackson) M Bell 8-11 M Hills –
115 (10) 6522- WALSHAM WHISPER 158 (J Ellis) M Tompkins 8-11 P Robinson 91
116 (6) WIDE BERTH (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 K Fallon –
117 (3) ZAFAAF (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn –

BETTING: 5-2 Cambrel, 4-1 Satin Velvet, 6-1 Mur Taasha, Zafaaf, 7-1 Fairy Doll, 8-1 Raknah, Takreem, 12-1 Aryaah, Sir Harry's Waltz, 16-1 others.

1993: STELLA MYSTIKA 8-11 M Roberts (4-6 fav) L Cumani 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARYAAH 12l 8th of 15 to Balanchine in a maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm).
CAMBREL ¾l 2nd of 15 to Girl From Ipanema in a maiden at Chepstow (7f, soft) with LITTLE BEDWYN 12l 4th.
EARTH CHARTER 7¾l 6th of 12 to Daring Destiny in a maiden at Folkestone (7f, good). LITTLE BEDWYN ¾l 3rd of 11 to Forgotten Lady in a maiden at Warwick (7f, soft) on penultimate start.
MUR TAASHA head and short-head 3rd of 9 to Pinkerton's Pal in a maiden at York (6f, good to firm). RAKNAH 9¼l 6th of 8 to Tablah in a conditions race at Ascot (6f, good to soft). SATIN VELVET 6l 3rd of 7 to Cool Jazz in a maiden at York (6f, heavy).
TAKREEM 6½l 4th of 8 to Glatisant in a maiden at Ascot (6f, good). WALSHAM WHISPER short-head 2nd of 18 to Sandmoor Chambray in a nursery at Doncaster (7f, good).
Selection: TAKREEM

2.35 MULTIYORK TRADITIONAL RATED HANDICAP (£7,912: 7f) (12 runners) C4

201 (9) 02320-0 CELESTIAL KEY 18 (D,F,G) (M Broderick) S Norton 4-9-7 J Tate (5) 96
202 (5) 110/61-3 DESERT SHOT 20 (C,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-3 W R Swinburn 92
203 (7) 200555- RUSTIC CRAFT 202 (S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-8-13 R Cochrane 92
204 (6) 6100-62 ARADANZA 9 (BF,F,S) (Mrs P Lewis) M Channon 4-8-11 K Darley 90
205 (3) 664000- MR MARTINI 158 (F,G) (Parrot Racing) C Brittain 4-8-10 M Roberts 93
206 (10) 3143-03 SASEEDO 8 (C,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-8-10 Emma O'Gorman (5) 88
207 (8) 144320- WINGED VICTORY 194 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-5 L Dettori 93
208 (2) 00355-0 BAND ON THE RUN 18 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 7-8-4 T Quinn 92
209 (1) 434021- MY BEST VALENTINE 201 (D,F,G) (The Valentines) P Harris 4-8-4 G Duffield 92
210 (12) 33400-1 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 8 (D,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 4-8-4 (5ex) M Hills ■
211 (4) 610506- NORTHERN BIRD 201 (D,F,G,S) (J Bradley) B Hills 4-8-4 W Carson 87
212 (11) 66000-0 LAW COMMISSION 18 (CD,F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 4-8-4 J Williams 91

Long handicap: Band On The Run 8-2, My Best Valentine 8-2, Absolute Magic 8-2, Northern Bird 7-13, Law Commission 7-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Absolute Magic, 4-1 Desert Shot, 6-1 My Best Valentine, 7-1 Saseedo, Winged Victory, 8-1 Aradanza, Rustic Craft, 10-1 Band On The Run, Northern Bird, 16-1 others.

1993: WILL OF STEEL 4-8-7 K Fallon (13-2) Mrs J Ramsden 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT SHOT ½l 2nd of 6 to Pay Homage in a listed race at Doncaster (1m, good). RUSTIC CRAFT 9½l last of 5 to Pelardia in a conditions race at Ascot (7f, good to soft).
SASEEDO 8½l 3rd of 6 to Midhish in a conditions race at Kempton (6f, soft).
WINGED VICTORY head 2nd of 4 to Meadow Pipit in a conditions race at Ascot (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. MY BEST VALENTINE beat Gipsy Fiddler neck in a 21-runner handicap at Redcar (7f, good).
ABSOLUTE MAGIC beat Pharaoh's Dancer ½l in a 12-runner handicap at Kempton (6f, soft). NORTHERN BIRD 6½l 5th of 12 to Andromaque in a listed handicap at Ascot (1m, good to soft).
Selection: NORTHERN BIRD

3.05 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES (Group III: £19,884: 1m 1f) (12 runners) C4

301 (5) 311550- SWING LOW 122 (C,F,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 5-9-1 J Reid 94
302 (2) 14/21- TRUE HERO 354 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-13 M J Kinane 89
303 (4) 22112/ BLUSH RAMBLER 339 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-10 W R Swinburn 89
304 (12) 145310- GABR 180 (C,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-8-10 W Carson 85
305 (10) 24/0323- JURA 105J (F,G) (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 5-8-10 G Duffield 93
306 (3) 232310- MUHAYAA 172 (C,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 5-8-10 B Raymond 96
307 (7) 4/52225- NEEDLE GUN 260 (S Manana) C Brittain 4-8-10 M Roberts ■
308 (11) 15223- PETER QUINCE 170 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-8-10 W Ryan 96
309 (1) 2212/ SCRIBE 550 (S) (Mrs E Ogden White) J Dunlop 4-8-10 T Quinn –
310 (9) 01/2632- SHINTILLO 165 (S) (Tenacre S R L) L Cumani 4-8-10 R Cochrane 87
311 (6) 0/35330- VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 220 (F,G,S) (Generoso Italia) J Dunlop 4-8-10 Pat Eddery 99
312 (8) 1661- DEL DEYA 169 (F,S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 4-8-7 L Dettori 88

BETTING: 3-1 Swing Low, 5-1 Muhayaa, Ventiquattrofogli, 6-1 Peter Quince, True Hero, 8-1 Needle Gun, 10-1 Del Deya, 12-1 others.

1993: EZZOUD 4-8-10 W R Swinburn (5-1) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SWING LOW 3l 7th of 14 to Winning Partners in a conditions race at Sha Tin (7f, good). TRUE HERO beat Placerville ½l in 6-runner group III Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft).
BLUSH RAMBLER 7l 7th of 10 to Kingmambo in group I French 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp (1m, good to soft). GABR beat Wharf 2½l in a 7-runner listed race here (1m, good) on penultimate start.
MUHAYAA beat PETER QUINCE short-head in a 3-runner listed race here (1m 4f, good). NEEDLE GUN 1½l 2nd of 4 to Kingmambo in group I St James Palace Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start with VENTIQUATTROFOGLI ¾l 3rd. SHINTILLO short-head 2nd of 30 to Cambara in a handicap here (1m, good). DEL DEYA beat Wagon Master 1½l in a 5-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to soft) with JURA 6l 3rd.
Selection: NEEDLE GUN

3.40 EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (Listed: 3-Y-O: £17,005: 7f) (11 runners) C4

401 (5) 01121- UNBLEST 215 (D,F,S) (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 9-7 G Duffield ■
402 (2) 003313- PICCOLO 196 (S) (J Mitchell and Partners) M Channon 9-3 K Darley 90
403 (8) 1125- STAR TALENT 195 (D,G,S) (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-2 R Cochrane 90
404 (11) 12236- TORCH ROUGE 196 (F) (J Hanson) B Hills 9-2 Pat Eddery 91
405 (10) 26101- CANASKA DANCER 172 (F,S) (Mrs J Sitton) P Chapple-Hyam 9-1 J Reid 94
406 (6) 111231- SELHURSTPARK FLYER 201 (F,S) (C Deuters) J Berry 9-1 J Carroll 98
407 (7) 121522- GOLD LAND 214 (C,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-1 T Quinn 91
408 (1) 0140-0 BIG SQUEEZE 11 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-1 M Roberts 90
409 (4) 110- WATANI 195 (C,G) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-13 W Carson 96
410 (3) 13352-3 BLUEGRASS PRINCE 11 (D,F,G) (J Hardiman) R Hannon 8-13 L Dettori 94
411 (9) 216- GNEISS 195 (S) (M Oram) Mrs J Cecil 8-13 Paul Eddery 96

BETTING: 4-1 Unblest, 11-2 Star Talent, 7-1 Bluegrass Prince, Canaska Dancer, 8-1 Gold Land, Piccolo, 9-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 10-1 Torch Rouge, Watani, 12-1 Gneiss, 25-1 Big Squeeze.

1993: SO FACTUAL 9-6 Pat Eddery (8-1) G Harwood 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNBLEST beat State Performer ¾l in 4-runner group II Champagne Stakes at Doncaster (7f, soft) with BLUEGRASS PRINCE (8lb better off) 6l 3rd. Earlier beat TORCH ROUGE (5lb better off) ¾l in a conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). PICCOLO 1¾l 3rd of 30 to Fumo di Londra in valuable conditions race here (7f, good to soft) with TORCH ROUGE (1lb better off) ¾l 6th, CANASKA DANCER (2lb better off) short-head 7th and BIG SQUEEZE (2lb better off) 6l 16th. CANASKA DANCER beat Kerrie-Jo 4l in a 13-runner handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft). SELHURSTPARK-FLYER beat Multi National 2l at Ascot (5f, good to soft). GOLD LAND 1½l 2nd of 7 to Dollar Gamble at Chepstow (5f, good). BLUEGRASS PRINCE 4l 3rd of 7 to Ultimo Imperatore in a listed race at Kempton (1m, good to soft). GNEISS 7l 6th of 8 to First Trump in group I Middle Park Stakes at here (6f, good) with WATANI 10½l last of 8.
Selection: UNBLEST (nap)

4.15 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP (£5,481: 1m 4f) (11 runners) C4

501 (11) 02610-1 BLACKPATCH HILL 11 (D,G,S) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 5-10-0 W Carson 93
502 (4) 064114- LEARMONT 284 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-11 L Dettori 87
503 (5) 22103-2 GEORGE DILLINGHAM 11 (G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-11 W R Swinburn 93
504 (1) 400130- SARAWAT 217 (D,F,G) (S Aitken) R Akehurst 6-9-10 T Quinn 85
505 (3) 42/010- MAJOR YAASI 333 (F) (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 4-9-6 G Duffield 86
506 (9) 212-050 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 18 (D,F,G) (B Saumtally) Bob Jones 6-9-2 L Charnock 90
507 (10) 00530-6 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 11 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-0 A Clark ■
508 (2) 2310/0-3 STATAJACK 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 6-8-13 R Cochrane 93
509 (6) 451005- TICKERTY'S GIFT 18J (S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-8-12 Paul Eddery 95
510 (8) 34514-1 HAZARD A GUESS 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-9 K Fallon 92
511 (7) 042210- BIT ON THE SIDE 158 (D,G,S) (M Hawkett) W Musson 5-8-9 Pat Eddery 90

BETTING: 4-1 Hazard A Guess, 6-1 Blackpatch Hill, George Dillingham, Learmont, Sarawat, 8-1 others.

1993: THINKING TWICE 4-8-5 W Carson (6-1) N Henderson 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACKPATCH HILL beat GEORGE DILLINGHAM (1lb better off) head in an 8-runner handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to soft) with STATAJACK (1lb better off) head 3rd and SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 15½l 6th. LEARMONT beat Pistol River 2½l in a 16-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. SARAWAT best recent effort when beating On So Risky 2½l in 21-runner handicap at York (1m 6f, good). MAJOR YAASI beat Bay Queen head in 14-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start. HAZARD A GUESS beat Albert ¾l in a 21-runner ladies handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). BIT ON THE SIDE 8½l 11th of 25 to Quick Ransom in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good).
Selection: LEARMONT

4.45 MULTIYORK BARTLOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,269: 5f) (10 runners)

601 (9) FAIJOURA (Sheikh Ahmad Yousuf Al Sabah) Miss G Kelleway 8-11 R Cochrane –
602 (10) FANTASY RACING (P Boros) M Channon 8-11 K Darley –
603 (2) LIMERICK BELLE (T Doherty) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll –
604 (1) PAINTED MADAM (N Murray) B Hills 8-11 M Hills –
605 (8) PHAR LITE (R Bernard) R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery –
606 (6) SAPISTON GIRL (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-11 L Dettori –
607 (3) SHARP MOVE (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-11 P Robinson –
608 (5) SIZZLING ROMP (Mrs J Martin) D Thom 8-11 B Raymond –
609 (4) TAMARI (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid –
610 (7) THE JOTTER (Mrs D Allen) W Jarvis 8-11 W R Swinburn –

BETTING: 3-1 Tamari, 4-1 Limerick Belle, 5-1 Fantasy Racing, Phar Lite, 6-1 Painted Madam, 7-1 others.

1993: POMMES FRITES 8-11 L Piggott (5-4 fav) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

FANTASY RACING (foaled Feb 11, cost 12,500Irgns). Half-sister by Tirol to Cut My Heart, listed juvenile winner in France; dam sister to a winner in the United States. LIMERICK BELLE (Feb 27). Half-sister by Roi Danzig to several winners, including multiple juvenile winner and group III placed It's All Academic; dam unraced. PAINTED MADAM (Feb 7, 15,000gns). Full-sister by Common Grounds to Irish 1m juvenile winner Oliver Messel; dam won over 1m 1f/1m 2f. PHAR LITE (Mar 25, 11,500gns). Half-sister by Pharly to dual 5f juvenile winner Glory of Hera; dam won over 5f. TAMARI (May 7). Half-sister by Nureyev to 5f juvenile winner Stormswept and to juvenile listed 7f winner Colonel Collins; dam 5f group III winner in France. THE JOTTER (Feb 15). Full-sister by Night Shift to 5f juvenile winner Petite Epaulette.
Selection: No selection

5.20 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-Y-O: £6,524: 1m) (19 runners)

1 (5) ACCESS CARNIVAL (Miss E Wilkinson) R Boss 9-0 M J Kinane –
2 (9) AIRPORT (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori –
3 (8) ALRIFFA (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid –
4 (7) BACKGAMMON (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone –
5 (3) BRAVE SPY (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 A Clark –
6 (17) DESERT FIGHTER (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 Paul Eddery –
7 (16) EDGAR KIRBY (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 R Cochrane –
8 (14) BLANMERAN (R Norton) J Gosden 9-0 J Carroll –
9 (6) HIGH KICKER (Mrs D Sloan) J Dunlop 9-0 T Quinn –
10 (15) ISTINSAAR (H Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 W Carson –
11 (18) LAKE CONISTON (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 K Darley –
12 (11) OPERA SCORE (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery –
13 (4) RECLUSE (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 M Hills –
14 (13) SAFEY ANA (J Humaid) B Hanbury 9-0 W R Swinburn –
15 (10) SHAAGNI ANA (J Humaid) B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond –
16 (1) AYUNLI (I Southcott) S Williams 8-9 B Thomson –
17 (12) ELMET (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-9 M Roberts –
18 (2) HIGH COMEDY (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-9 G Duffield –
19 (19) NARBONNE (J Greetham) W Jarvis 8-9 M Tebbutt –

BETTING: 5-1 Opera Score, 6-1 Airport, 8-1 Backgammon, Desert Fighter, 9-1 Istinsaar, Safey Ana, 10-1 others.

1993: FLUVIAL 9-0 Pat Eddery (6-1) J Gosden 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

AIRPORT (cost $200,000). By Lear Fan; dam half-sister to multiple 6f winner Dowsing and smart 1m-1m 2f winner Fire The Groom. ALRIFFA (30,000gns). Half-brother by Danehill to 1m 2f winner Sweet Quest; dam 7f/1m 3f winner. BACKGAMMON Half-brother by Midyan to 6f winner Big Sky; dam maiden daughter of 1,000 Guineas runner-up Tolmi. DESERT FIGHTER By Green Desert; dam 1m 2f winner and daughter of Lowther winner Prickle. OPERA SCORE Half-brother by Nureyev to smart middle-distance performer Sanglamore; dam won Ribblesdale Stakes. RECLUSE Half-brother by Last Tycoon to Park Hill winner Trampship and to multiple 1m 3f-2m winner Highflying; dam won over 1m 1f. SAFEY ANA ($150,000). Half-brother by Dixieland Band to grade II 7f winner Three Peat; dam won in the United States.
Selection: No selection

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	53	262	20.2	Pat Eddery	88	437	20.1
P Chapple-Hyam	14	70	20.0	W R Swinburn	58	345	16.8
J Gosden	45	244	18.4	W Carson	67	458	14.6
M Stoute	41	242	16.9	M Roberts	62	451	13.7
P Cole	20	118	16.9	L Dettori	53	415	12.8
L Cumani	43	278	15.5	M Hills	27	223	12.1

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Shintillo can cope with rise in class

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Although denied a clear run, Desert Shot was disappointing in his Doncaster defeat. He may struggle against **Aradanza**, who receives 6lb. The colt is probably best over six furlongs, but has won over this trip in the past. Rustic Craft can reach a place.

3.05: **Shintillo**, who has always appealed as one to make a decent four-year-old, can come good in a below-par renewal of this race. Having spent much of last year carrying big weights in handicaps, he steps up in both class and distance. Nevertheless, he could surprise some uninspiring rivals, the best of which looks Ventiquattrofogli. A tough miler, Ventiquattrofogli ran creditably in better class last season but, like Swing Low, he may struggle to stay this extra furlong.

3.40: Watani looked a horse with a future prior to his Middle Park run, when he finished lame. He is potentially well handicapped but is a risky proposition. **Unblest**, by contrast, is sure to run well. His decisive victory at Doncaster in September marked him down as a 2,000 Guineas prospect. Star Talent, fifth in the Middle Park, will appreciate the extra furlong today. Canaska Dancer and Torch Rouge are closely matched on their running over the course and distance in September.

4.15: **Hazard A Guess** can follow up his recent Doncaster victory. He will be even better suited by the extra two furlongs here and can see off the threats of Blackpatch Hill. George Dillingham and Statajack, who fought out a three-way photo finish at Kempton last time. George Dillingham is preferred today.

Julian Muscat

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Canaska Dancer
(3.40 Newmarket)
Next best: Hazard A Guess
(4.15 Newmarket)

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Coltrane. 2.55 Homme D'Affaire. 3.30 Arctic Course. 4.00 Early Man. 4.35 Mr Pickpocket. 5.10 Mister Oddy. 5.35 Air Shot. 6.05 Valerios King.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

2.25 MUSKET NOVICES HURDLE (£2,323: 2m) (22 runners)

1 1202 MILZIG 28 (D,G) R O'Sullivan 5-11-9 D O'Sullivan
2 031 WEE WINDY 30 (G) J Gifford 5-11-9 D Murphy
3 1R30 BALLYHYLAND 78 (G) J Webber 5-11-4 R Bellamy
4 BLACK HEDGES J Glover 7-11-2 T Reed
5 0 CASTILLO 70 G Thorner 7-11-2 Mr Richard White (7)
6 4 COLONEL CLOETE 28 T Forster 6-11-2 B Powell
7 4 COLTRANE 132 (V) M Pipe 6-11-2 R Dunwoody
8 /6 FIGHTING BRAVE 18 K Bailey 7-11-2 N Williamson
9 2 GARRISON COMMANDER 22 A Turnell 5-11-2 S McNeill
10 4 GOTT TO APPROACH 53 D Nicholson 6-11-2 W Marston
11 00 MASTER HOPE 39 D Nicholson 5-11-2 A Maguire
12 4442 NAGOBELIA 54 (D,BF,S) J Pearce 6-11-2 J McLaughlin
13 OLD COMRADES 14F P Dennis 7-11-2 G McCourt
14 REESHLOCH A Turnell 5-11-2 D Fortt (5)
15 335 RIO TRUSKY 25 D Grissell 5-11-2 J Railton
16 40-4 THE MILLWRIGHT 125 M Bradstock 7-11-2 P Holley
17 TOO PLUSH A Turnell 5-11-2 L Harvey
18 0000 WISE STATEMENT 126 G Balding 5-11-2 E Leonard
19 IZACOMIN D Geraghty 5-10-11 R Supple
20 METER MAN 294F Mrs D Thomas 4-10-10 M A Fitzgerald
21 0 POLY VISION 25 M Tate 4-10-10 P McLoughlin (7)
22 RUSSIAN EMPIRE 180F S Sherwood 4-10-10 J Osborne

2-1 Coltrane, 5-1 Milzig, 8-1 Ballyhyland, Garrison Commander, 12-1 others.

2.55 RESTORATION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,088: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 U01- ERRANT KNIGHT 403 (CD,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 1140 DRIVING FORCE 39 (B,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 8-11-9 G McCourt
3 4182 L'UOMO PIU 21 (C,F,G,S) A Barrow 10-11-0 J Osborne
4 2112 HEARTS ARE WILD 19 (D,BF,F,G) T Forster 7-10-12 B Powell
5 F511 HOMME D'AFFAIRE 28 (D,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 11-10-6 D O'Sullivan
6 13UF PERSIAN SWORD 84 (S) D Nicholson 8-10-6 A Maguire
7 324P KISU KALI 72 (F,G,S) (B) B Baugh 7-10-1 T Wall

9-4 Errant Knight, 7-2 Hearts Are Wild, 4-1 Driving Force, 9-2 others.

3.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,529: 3m) (21)

1 551 A N C EXPRESS 41 (S) J King 6-11-8 J R Kavanagh
2 1462 ARCTIC COURSE 33 (C,BF,S) D Nicholson 6-11-8 A Maguire
3 -1F0 CELTIC TOWN 16 (S) O Sherwood 6-11-8 J McCarthy (3)
4 12R6 MAMES BOY 25 (S) J Gifford 7-11-8 D Murphy
5 5401 WOLF WINTER 14 (CD,G) J Old 9-11-8 T Grantham
6 3-00 ARDSCUD 60 M Bradstock 7-11-2 P Holley
7 500 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 64 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-2 D Bridgwater
8 32P3 CALLEROSE 14 T Forster 7-11-2 B Powell
9 830- CALLYR 389 N Babbage 7-11-2 W Humphreys
10 00-F CELTIC TOKEN 21 M Tate 5-11-2 Mr G Hogan (7)
11 0/0U CHRISTIAN SOLDIER 76 P McEntee 7-11-2 W Elderfield
12 6P06 EMALLEN 9 Mrs L Jewell 6-11-2 R Davis (3)
13 2 FEEL THE POWER 7 K Bailey 6-11-2 N Williamson
14 4F GYPSY KING 22 A Turnell 6-11-2 S McNeill
15 P JUNIOR ROGERS 25 P Dalton 6-11-2 R Marley
16 -4PP MONKTON 120 T Forster 6-11-2 R Farrant (3)
17 /P-P6 RUFFINSWICK 14 P Leach 8-11-2 NON-RUNNER
18 0 SOLUNDOUS 7 T George 7-11-2 T Jenks (3)
19 60 TULLYKYNE BELLS 28 (B) L Snook 5-11-2 D Gallagher
20 3 DUGLIES 126 R Rowe 7-10-11 R Dunwoody
21 TITCHWELL MILLY C Nash 5-10-11 M A Fitzgerald

3-1 Arctic Course, 7-2 Feel The Power, 5-1 A N C Express, 6-1 others.

4.00 CITY NOVICES CHASE (£3,046: 2m 4f 110yd) (17)

1 F41F DAN DE LYON 48 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-9 A Maguire
2 3-P0 BRAVO STAR 55 (F,S) K Bishop 9-11-4 S Burrough
3 -065 COASTING 21 (G) G Balding 8-11-4 J Railton
4 4-54 DUKE OF APROLON 20 (G) J Gifford 7-11-4 D Murphy
5 1P-0 EARLY MAN 33 (S) D Grissell 7-11-4 Peter Hobbs
6 PP60 EIGHTY EIGHT 20 Mrs H Dowson 9-11-4 W Marston
7 34P4 EMERALD RULER 30 (G) J Webber 7-11-4 G McCourt
8 10PF FATHER FORTUNE 22 (S) O Sherwood 6-11-4 J McCarthy (3)
9 00- FORCE 53P Mrs P Joynes 7-11-4 Mr S Joynes (7)
10 45/F LUCKY LANDERS 11 N Twiston-Davies 9-11-4 D Bridgwater
11 005- PECHE D'OR 317 (F,G,S) H Haynes 10-11-4 Mr G Brown
12 -PFF PURPLE SPRAY 16 R Rowe 9-11-4 R Dunwoody
13 0FP3 RUSTY MUSIC 11 (F) R Brown 8-11-4 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
14 006P STYLISH GENT 11 (B,F,G) P Clarke 7-11-4 I Lawrence
15 -0FP THE YOKEL 126 W Clay 8-11-4 T Eley (3)
16 0/U MERRY MUSE 21 N Gaselee 8-10-13 R Supple
17 PP5F PENARTH 11 Mrs N Sharpe 8-10-13 V Slattery

3-1 Dan De Lyon, 5-1 Duke Of Aprolon, 7-1 Father Fortune, 8-1 Early Man, 10-1 Stylish Gent, Emerald Ruler, 16-1 others.

4.35 COMMANDERY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,198: 2m 2f) (16)

1 0220 CARIBOO GOLD 28 (B,G,S) K Bailey 5-12-0 N Williamson
2 3043 FOX CHAPEL 9 (B,G,S) R Juckes 7-11-2 R Dunwoody
3 -526 WEAGH HOUSE 37 (BF,G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-2 A Maguire
4 /402 VAGADOR 25 (D,G,S) G Harwood 11-11-2 M Perrett
5 1331 GORTEERA 8 (G) O Brennan 8-10-9 (7ex) M Brennan
6 43P2 MR PICKPOCKET 21 (V,S) J Akehurst 6-10-5 L Harvey
7 /41-4 MIDDLEWICK 20 (F,G,S) S Christian 9-10-0 D Leahy (5)
8 -04P MORE OF IT 25 (B,G,S) M Roberts 9-10-0 Peter Hobbs
9 6-FF MUSIC SCORE 76 (G) Mrs L Taylor 8-10-0 P Ward (7)
10 100- BAYPHIA 536 (F,G) J Joseph 6-10-0 D Skyrme
11 0206- BURSANA 321 (F) J Spearing 8-10-0 W Marston
12 /P5-0 ECOSSAIS DANSEUR 62 (F) E Buckley 8-10-0 R Supple
13 2232 ARCTIC LIFE 18 J Jenkins 5-10-0 B Powell
14 4/UP INTERPLAY 11 (G,S) R O'Sullivan 9-10-0 D O'Sullivan
15 -044 NIGHT OF MADNESS 25 (F) K Morgan 7-10-0 A S Smith
16 UP-5 SUKEY TAWDRY 245 P McEntee 8-10-0 W Elderfield

3-1 Vagador, 5-1 Gorteera, 6-1 Fox Chapel, Cariboo Gold, 8-1 others.

5.10 CROMWELL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,653: 2m) (5)

1 2131 MISTER ODDY 2F (D,G,S) J King 8-11-10 T Jenks
2 3143 GENERAL MERCHANT 11 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 14-11-5 R Farrant
3 U336 RATHER SHARP 11 (D,S) C Popham 8-11-3 J Burke
4 P654 RUSTIC GENT 11 (D,F) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-10 R Davis
5 4005 GREEN WALK 23 R Rowe 7-10-0 C Burnett-Wells

8-11 Mister Oddy, 5-2 General Merchant, 4-1 Rather Sharp, 12-1 others.

5.35 OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,361: 2m) (22)

1 11 AIR SHOT 18 (S) D Nicholson 4-11-6 M Keighley (7)
2 0 ASK FOR BARNEY 9 B Rothwell 5-11-3 J Supple (5)
3 4 ERMINE STREET 22 O Brennan 6-11-3 M Brennan
4 2 HENRY CONE 21 S Christian 5-11-3 G McCourt
5 JOBINGO 25 G Price 6-11-3 Guy Lewis (5)
6 20 LIGHTENING LAD 54 J King 6-11-3 J R Kavanagh
7 4 SCARLET RAMBLER 18 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 T Jenks (3)
8 STEEL BELLS C Brooks 5-11-3 M Berry (7)
9 0-00 WOODLANDS POWER 64 P Pritchard 6-11-3 R Davis (3)
10 40 FURIOUS OATS 27 B Forsey 5-10-12 Mr L Jefford (7)
11 0 BIKY 30 G Giddings 5-10-12 Mr S Mulcaire (7)
12 RED DUST E Owen 5-10-12 A Maguire
13 0 ZANDALEE 7 J Colston 5-10-12 S Arnold (7)
14 06 HAILE DERRING 25 M Scudamore 4-10-9 R Bellamy
15 INNER TEMPLE T Forster 4-10-9 B Powell
16 0 KINGS GAMBLE 25 M Barraclough 4-10-9 Ann Stokell
17 220 WHO IS EQUINAME 28 D Eddy 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
18 0 DARING CREST 71 K Morgan 4-10-4 A S Smith
19 4 LITTLE SERENA 35 J Walmsley 4-10-4 S Turner
20 0 NEARLY A BROOK 21 R Hodges 4-10-4 A Tory
21 0 NOVA NITA 21 D Williams 4-10-4 P McLoughlin (7)
22 0 ORCADIAN ROSE 25 Mrs A Broyd 4-10-4 R Supple

5-2 Air Shot, 9-2 Henry Cone, 6-1 Who Is Equiname, Scarlet Rambler, 8-1 others.

6.05 OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,518: 2m) (22)

1 0 POND HOUSE 35 M Pipe 5-11-3 R Dunwoody
2 SEACHANGE M Wilkinson 5-11-3 P Ward (7)
3 0 THE MEXICANS GONE 104 D Geraghty 6-11-3 Mr T Byrne
4 226 VALERIOS KING 39 S Christian 5-11-3 G Upton
5 6 FRA'S GIRL 7 R Price 6-10-12 P McLoughlin (7)
6 00 GAY MUSE 20 P Hobbs 5-10-12 C Quinlan (7)
7 0 GOLF WORLD 18 C Brooks 5-10-12 M Berry (7)
8 0 UP THE TEMPO 21 K Bishop 5-10-12 M Moran (7)
9 0 WHAT A MOPPET 20 Miss H Knight 5-10-12 J McCarthy (3)
10 2 BUNGEE JUMPER 20 T Forster 4-10-9 R Farrant (3)
11 0 CHEER'S BABY 18 G Roe 4-10-9 D J Moffatt (3)
12 583 COUNTRY CONCORDE 21 C Jones 4-10-9 D Meredith (3)
13 2 CRANE HILL 35 P Calver 4-10-9 S Wynne (3)
14 FREDDIE MUCK N Twiston-Davies 4-10-9 A Shakespeare (7)
15 0 JASON'S BOY 27 J Bradley 4-10-9 N Williamson
16 5 KING OF THE MICKS 16 P Wakely 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
17 8 PRINCE NASHA 16 K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-9 A Maguire
18 0 BOOLAVOGUE 22 D O'Neill 4-10-4 P Maddock (7)
19 0 GAME DOMINO 20 M Muggeridge 4-10-4 A Procter (3)
20 NO NEAR MISS D Elsworth 4-10-4 A McCabe
21 3 ROSIE-B 23 R Stronge 4-10-4 W McFarland
22 00 WIN A HAND 35 B Ryall 4-10-4 Guy Lewis (5)

9-4 Bungee Jumper, 4-1 Valerios King, 8-1 Prince Nasha, Crane Hill, 10-1 others.

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TRAINERS: H Cecil, 13 winners from 30 runners, 43.3%; J Dunlop, 6 from 14, 42.9%; L Cumani, 6 from 18, 33.3%; B Hanbury, 6 from 24, 25.0%, G Wragg, 7 from 29, 24.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 70, 21.4%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Stoute, 5 from 25, 20.0%; Miss S Hall, 5 from 25, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 6 winners from 28 rides, 21.4%; W Ryan, 14 from 77, 18.2%; S Sanders, 4 from 24, 16.7%; A Garth, 5 from 32, 15.6%; A Munro, 12 from 80, 15.0%; S Perks, 8 from 57, 14.0%; N Connorton, 8 from 61, 13.1%.

Worcester

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 7 winners from 15 runners, 46.7%; O Sherwood, 25 from 70, 35.7%; M Pipe, 40 from 130, 30.8%; Miss H Knight, 12 from 41, 29.3%; P Hobbs, 22 from 104, 21.2%; C Brooks, 5 from 25, 20.0%; R Price, 3 from 15, 20.0%; D Nicholson, 18 from 103, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 27 winners from 106 rides, 25.5%; A Maguire, 21 from 100, 21.0%; Peter Hobbs, 13 from 69, 18.8%; G McCourt, 13 from 87, 14.9%; R Dunwoody, 31 from 213, 14.6%; B Powell, 18 from 127, 14.2%.

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Dancing discipline leads to World Cup challenge

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A rare mixture of power and poise, Burns combines training with the England women's rugby union team with the more subtle demands of holding dance classes

Burns holds centre stage for England



Sally Jones talks to an athlete whose artistic background has driven her to the top of her sport

Watching Gill Burns at the barre, a tall, striking figure with the poise only achieved by those who started ballet almost before they could walk, it is hard to believe this is the woman who could prove crucial to the England women's rugby union team's World Cup campaign over the next two weeks.

Burns, 29, an outstanding all-round athlete and a teacher of physical education at Culcheth High School, Warrington, plays No 8 for the England side that reached the final of the inaugural World Cup in 1991 and is tipped to go one better in Edinburgh.

Ironically, Burns attributes much of her sporting prowess to her early grounding in ballet — even though, at a whisker under 6ft and 13½st, she is no longer the traditional shape for a ballerina. "My mother runs dancing schools near Liverpool and I was there from the moment I arrived, in a cot or hanging in the corner in my baby bouncer while she took classes," she said. "I took part in my first charity show as a babe in arms, being serenaded by a man singing 'Thank Heaven For Little Girls'. I spent the whole number picking his nose and trying to poke his eyes out, so they should have known then what I'd end up doing!"

By the age of 11, she was already too tall to dance professionally but continued her training in ballet, tap and stage dancing and eventually qualified as a teacher. That discipline stood her in good stead in a variety of sports — she represented British colleges in hockey, basketball and athletics, including sprints, heptathlon and all the field events — but a light-hearted charity rugby game changed her life.

"It was incredibly exhilarating," Burns said. "I love running with the ball in my hands and suddenly realised I'd found the ideal game for me. From then on, my feet hardly touched the ground. I joined the Liverpool Poly side and scored two tries in my first match, then was invited to a North trial four weeks later to give me experience."

"I went along, scored again and, to my amazement, found myself in the squad. I'd played so much sport and also watched a lot of rugby so it seemed to come to me pretty easily. At the time, England was short of big, strong, fast natural athletes and, after going on the next national training camp, I was picked for the match against Sweden just a year from the day I started playing. We won 40-0 on my local ground, Waterloo, and I've played every match since then."

Burns believes that ballet, despite its image of delicate fragility, proved the perfect foundation for rugby and, certainly, during the World Cup training camp at St Albans, the statuesque figure with a long flying plait soared effortlessly in the lineouts, hanging in the air above leaping team-mates to clutch the ball. Her balanced running and deceptive changes of pace and direction also marked her out as an outstanding all-rounder.

For Burns and the rest of the side, the high point of their careers was their aggressive victory against France at Cardiff Arms Park in the semi-final of the first World Cup. In the final, they lost to the United States 19-6 but, after beating the Americans convincingly during the Canada Cup in Toronto last year, the players are confident this will be their year.

All are bristling with fitness after a training schedule that includes around two hours of running, weights and circuit training a day, regular practice games, drills and work with a sports psychologist.

The toughest part of the build-up has been trying to raise the £1,000 each player needs for kit, travelling and accommodation to compete in the unsponsored World Cup, which Scotland took over in December after Holland, the original hosts, had to pull out after funding problems. Several of the England players are taking out bank loans in order to compete.

Steve Peters, a former student international, now coaches the side and is impressed by the skills and commitment on show. "It's so refreshing to be working with top-class women after coaching blasé men's and colts' sides," he said. "They're so keen to learn. You need a different approach because some tend to take instructions as criticism and are slightly lacking in confidence."

Burns identified another problem. "We've also had to learn to be pretty tough about coping with teasing and prejudice," he said. "You get used to these male chauvinist comments, like 'It's terrible women playing rugby — they'll bang their breasts and damage their child-bearing parts for life'.

"In fact, comparatively, we're just as strong as men as it's women playing against women and we're certainly capable of the same commitment and technical skills as men. When people say it's a men's sport, we say: 'No it's not, it's a great game for everyone.'"

Martin's triumph marks new era

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

IT IS impossible to avoid the conclusion that a new era of international domination is underway in squash. Emphatic defences of the Hi-Tec British Open championships by Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, and Michelle Martin, of Australia, both world champions, served merely to underscore the point at Wembley on Monday.

The retirements of Jahangir Khan, Chris Dittmar and Chris Robertson, and a recent loss of form by Rodney Martin, have left Jansher, 24, a considerable distance ahead of the men's field. Only Peter Marshall, of England, in the semi-finals and Brett Martin, of Australia, in the final could approach his standard, and then only for a single game.

Michelle, the third sibling of the extraordinary Martin generation from Australia, has reached, at 26, what she regards as her prime and has left the rest of the world breathless in her surge to the top spot left vacant by the retirement of Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, early last season. It was Martin's second unblemished British Open victory: ten matches against the largest and strongest gathering of each season without relinquishing a game. This time she did it against the backdrop of probably the last merging of four competitive generations.

Vicki Cardwell, the champion from 1980 to 1983, lost to Martin in the second round this year before going on, at 38, to win her first over-35 title. Lisa Opie, the Guernsey-born former national champion, lost in the second round to Liz Irving, the eventual finalist, and announced her retirement on Monday. The rising generation is headed by Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, but she failed, worryingly, in the second round at Wembley.

Opie's announcement was unexpected but not really surprising. "My body has really had enough," said the 30-year-old, whose 15 years of professional activity brought her four national titles, a British Open win and just about every accolade in the game except a world crown.

RESULTS: Finals: Men: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt B Martin (Aus) 9-1, 9-0, 9-10, 9-1. Women: M Martin (Aus) bt L Irving (Aus) 9-1, 9-5, 9-3.

Thompson treks down memory lane

David Powell reports on the return of an unknown English club athlete who was once the best marathon runner in the world

THE fastest Briton to enter the NutraSweet London Marathon on Sunday is not, as you might think, Eamonn Martin. Admittedly, Ian Thompson's best time — nearly two minutes faster than Martin ran to win in London last year — is 20 years old but his legs still clip along at a decent pace.

This month is the twentieth anniversary of Thompson's remarkable victory in the Athens marathon. It was remarkable because it was his third marathon victory in six months, with a victory in the European championships to come five months later. No British coach today would want his athlete to run more than two marathons a year, but no British athlete has won an international championship marathon since Thompson's successes in 1974. So much for modern thinking.

Until 1973, Thompson was a little-known track runner. His best achievements were a 1,500 metres in 3min 51sec and an eastern counties cross-country title until, persuaded by Luton United clubmates, he agreed to make up team numbers at the Amateur Athletic Association marathon championship in October.

Aged 24, he approached his first marathon "by accident rather than plan", increasing his weekly mileage to 120 and hoping to finish in about 2hr 20min. Never having beaten 30 minutes for 10,000 metres, it was barely believable when Thompson broke away from Ron Hill, the Commonwealth champion, at 19 miles. His legs tightened in the last five miles but it was a minor discomfort. "When Ron Hill is 40 seconds behind, you cannot feel bad," Thompson said after finishing in 2hr 12min 40sec, the world's fastest debut.

Thompson said the victory did not inspire at the time an ambition to make the England team for the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand three months later. But his outlook had changed greatly by the time of the Games: "I had a strong sense that the race would be mine, beyond just feeling confident," he said. At 11 miles his confidence showed as he pulled away, and he went on to win in 2hr 09min 12sec.

Thompson's time was a European best and, even now, earns him fourth place on the British rankings. His subsequent victories in Athens and at the European championships in Rome confirmed him as the best marathon runner in the world, but his boast that he would "definitely run faster than 2:09," was unfulfilled.

He failed even to make the 1976 British Olympic team after finishing seventh in the trial because of the effects of training too much and a virus. His agony was heightened in December when, in Fukuoka, Japan, he finished ahead of Waldemar Cierpinski, the German who had won the Olympic marathon just months before.

Try though he did until 1984, Thompson was unable to recapture the form of his four marathon victories in the 11 months from October 1973 but his enthusiasm never waned. In 1992, he won the Bahrain marathon.

Now 44, he frequently wins the veterans' class in local road races and sometimes opts for unusual challenges. In one London Marathon he began at the back to see how many he could pass. "I overtook 19,000 runners," he said.

And this Sunday? Now training 60 miles a week, he will start near the front. "I am probably looking at 2:40," he said. "An enjoyable run rather than a racing run."



Thompson: fastest

☐ *The Times will be running the complete list of London Marathon finishers exclusively throughout next week.*

SPORT IN BRIEF

Nielsen leads team to bronze medal

A GOOD win by Anders Nielsen completed England's 4-1 victory over Russia and ensured third place in the European badminton championships in Den Bosch, Holland, yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). The England No 2 won 8-15, 15-5, 15-8 against Andrei Antropov, the former world quarter-finalist.

Although the bronze medal was England's fourth in a row, the performance was an improvement on the last European championships in 1992, when England had been within one point of failing to win a medal for the first time.

Nielsen's best performances for England — he beat the Oliver Pongratz, German champion, on Monday — were supplemented yesterday by a forceful men's doubles win from Simon Archer and Chris Hunt and an efficient success by Gill Clark and Julie Bradbury in the women's doubles. Nick Ponting and Joanne Wright, the All England champions, won the mixed doubles. Scotland lost 3-2 to Germany and finished seventh.

Fleet gains on Intrum

YACHTING: The Doldrums hampered Lawrie Smith's Whitbread Round the World Race yacht, *Intrum Justitia*, yesterday, slowing the European entry and allowing the chasing fleet to close (Barry Pickthall writes). At one point, *Winston*, the American 60-footer skippered by Brad Butterworth, overtook *Intrum* before running into similar calm weather as the Spanish entry, *Galicia '93 Pescanova*, together with Guido Maisto's Italian yacht, *Brooksfield*, closed to within two miles.

Big gains were made by Ross Field's leading 60-footer, *Yamaha*, and *Merit Cup*, Pierre Fehlmann's leading maxi, which moved to within ten miles of *Yamaha*. Field gained 30 miles on the fleet before the calms intervened. "We are parked and I can tell you no one has any fingernails left," he said.

Groces' good start

GOLF: Barry Groce and his son, Rod, of Pinner Hill, scored a 4 and 2 victory over Peter and Geoff Boult in the first round of their defence of the Father and Son tournament at West Hill, Surrey, yesterday. The Groces halved three and won one of their stroke holes and won three of the four short holes, losing only the 15th after Rod found trees. Deric Baxter, 81, and his son, David, defeated the Lords after the Lords made mistakes at the 15th and 16th. The Farmers, the 1968 champions, defeated the Sharps at the 18th and the McCreas overcame the Abercrombies after establishing an early lead.

Smith seeks full set

BOWLS: If Gary Smith, of Cyphers, wins the Manchester Unity EIBA triples championship at Melton Mowbray today, he will become only the second player — after Andy Thomson, also of Cyphers — to have won all four national titles. Smith skipped John Bull and Martyn Sekjer to a 13-9 victory over Boston in the semi-finals yesterday in a match of low scoring — 22 shots in 18 ends tells the tale. No luck. Nothing but pure skill," Smith said. Jamie Forman, Martin Tomlin and his father, Mick Tomlin, played tenaciously for Boston but fell to the extra experience of Sekjer and Smith.

Jacobs defends title

BOXING: Gary Jacobs, the European welterweight champion from Glasgow, makes his fourth title defence tonight (Srikumar Sen writes). He meets Alessandro Duran, of Italy, in Glasgow. If Jacobs, 28, wins impressively, his next bout could be for the World Boxing Council title, held by Pernell Whitaker. Duran, 29, is an ideal choice for someone anticipating a world title bout. The Italian is awkward enough to pose problems but does not appear to have the punch to cause an upset. Jacobs has met far better opponents and should win on points.

Longstaff honoured

ICE HOCKEY: David Longstaff, of Whitley Warriors, has been selected as the young British player of the year this season. Newcastle-born Longstaff, 19, who has spent his whole career in Whitley Bay, will spend two weeks in the autumn at the Calgary Flames training camp in Canada. A left winger, who has been included in the Great Britain squad for the world championships later this month, Longstaff has scored 115 goals in 169 games for the Warriors and has, for some time, been considered one of this country's leading young forwards.

Eton last pace better

RACKETS: Hutton Swinglehurst and Jonathan Larken, of Eton, won the Peel Hunt under-24 public schools' doubles championship after a thrilling match against Harry Foster and Andrew Hodgson, of Harrow, who are the former Foster Cup winners. The Harrovians, who had only narrowly scraped through against Tonbridge in the semi-finals, led by two games to one but, when Swinglehurst got into his stride, the effect of their previous exertions began to tell. After levelling the match, Eton took control and only conceded seven more points as they won 4-2.

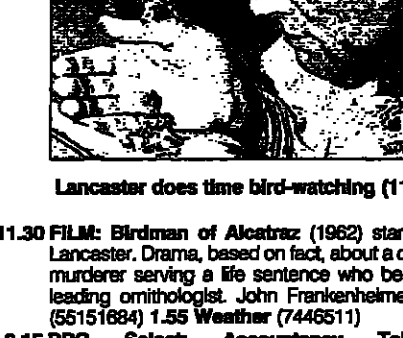
Marathon entries

ATHLETICS: Application forms to enter the 1995 NutraSweet London Marathon will be available earlier than forms for previous London Marathons. Organisers hope that, by making them available now, fewer first-time runners will be at a loss to know how to enter. Forms are in the programme for this year's race, on Sunday, and will be available from Monday through 1,000 sports shops in Britain. However, there will be no increase in the number accepted — 36,500. The 1995 race date is provisionally set for April 2.



BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (18579)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (27648990)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9526077)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9404348) 10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (8746936)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (22962481)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Entertainment and chat show hosted by Ross King (s) (8818416) 12.55 Regional News and weather (77660665)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (21226)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (69429139) 1.50 The Great British Quiz introduced by Janice Long (s) (69423955)
2.15 Hawaii Five-O. McGarrett and his team do battle with a ruthless trigger-happy gang (8731752) 3.05 Gourmet Ireland. Cheese dishes (8818333)
3.35 Cartoon Double Bill. *Dangerous Dan McFoo* and *A Day at the Zoo* (6698042) 3.50 Greedysaurus and the Gang (s) (9406495) 3.55 Why Did the Chicken? (s) (6781706) 4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates. (Ceefax) (s) (4903771) 4.35 Kevin and Co (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6042690)
5.00 Newsround (7768315) 5.10 Moonacre. Ghostly serial. (Ceefax) (1723868)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (482495)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (684)
6.30 Regional news magazines (936)
7.00 The Rock 'n' Roll Years – the 80s. Headlines in 1987 includes the abduction of Terry Waite, the Hungerford massacre and Mrs Thatcher's third general election win. Musical memories are provided by, among others, Whitney Houston and the Proclaimers. (Ceefax) (s) (2464)
7.30 Here and Now. Current affairs series (348)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. More comedy from the chronologically challenged trio (r) (2232)
8.30 Luv. Carla Lane's comedy series starring Michael Angelis and Sue Johnston. (Ceefax) (s) (5139)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7145)
9.30 CHOICE QED: Fishman of Saughton Jail. (Ceefax) (s) (82622)
10.00 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam introduces Football: a look at the latest Premiership matches; Boxing: the European welterweight bout between Scotland's Gary Jacobs and Alessandro Duran of Italy; Snooker: a preview of the Embassy world championship; Cricket: a review of the fourth Test between the West Indies and England (43597)

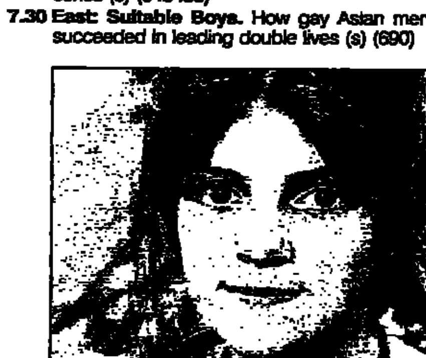


Lancaster does time bird-watching (11.30pm)

11.30 FILM: Birdman of Alcatraz (1962) starring Burt Lancaster. Drama, based on fact, about a convicted murderer serving a life sentence who becomes a leading ornithologist. John Frankenheimer directs (55151684) 1.55 Weather (7446511)
2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (100795) 3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television. Scrambled (65820)

BBC2

6.20 Open University (65556077)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (4240955)
8.15 Westminster Daily (2544226)
9.00 FILM: The Man Between (1953, b/w) starring James Mason, Claire Bloom and Hildegarde Neff. Atmospheric espionage drama directed by Carol Reed (98118787) 10.40 Impressions. A profile of water mill owner George Leatt (r) (9679400)
10.50 FILM: Hail the Conquering Hero (1944, b/w) starring Eddie Bracken. Comedy directed by Preston Sturges (21064394)
12.30 Glynn Christian Tastes China. The delicacies of Nanjing (87083416)
12.40 Sheila. The story of Sheila Scott (r) (4536787)
1.20 Gordon T. Gopher (r) (26373787) 1.30 King Rollo (r) (49590665) 1.35 Man and Boy (r) (51840752)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by A Dedicated Follower of Salmon. Kametaro Unuma who claims to serve the best salmon in Japan (r) (2308665) 2.35 CountryFile (r) (2475226)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by Westminster Live. (Ceefax) (1356232) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (3632110)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (357)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama (s) (961). Wales: Between Ourselves
5.00 The Last Great Cattle Drive (7597)
6.00 NEW Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science fiction adventures starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (172690)
6.50 Def II: Standing Room Only. Football magazine series (s) (943435)
7.30 East: Suitable Boys. How gay Asian men have succeeded in leading double lives (s) (690)



Jules Gibbons tests computer games (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE The Net. (Ceefax) (3954)
8.30 Wildlife on Two: Shadow of the Hare. A documentary about hares (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6481)
9.00 CHOICE Screen Two: Return to Blood River. (Ceefax) (s) (1495874)
10.15 Screen Firsts: Just Desserts (colour and b/w) starring Nicoletta Boris. An unusual drama written, produced and directed by Monica Pellizzari. (Ceefax) (403077)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (833752)
11.15 The Late Show – India Week (s) (358771)
11.55 Weather (242961) 12.00 Crossing the Border (4518559) 12.25-12.55 Doctors' Diagnoses: Knowledge-Based Systems (4511646)

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CHOICE



Clarke, McNally and Armatrading (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Screen Two: Return to Blood River
BBC2, 9.00pm

Douglas Livingstone's drama explores the dilemmas facing white South African liberals in a country where such figures tend to be distrusted on all sides. ANC-sympathiser Terry (Kevin McNally) returns home after 18 years in exile when his father is killed by a black gunman. Terry's liberalism is put to the test both by his hard-right Afrikaner brother-in-law (Warren Clarke) and an old black friend (Tony Armatrading) who is accused of stealing from the family firm. It is a talkative, studio-bound piece, more like a play than a film, and the characters come across as types rather than individuals. All the same it raises pertinent questions about the future of a divided nation.

QED: Fishman of Saughton Jail
BBC1, 9.30pm

You may have heard of the birdman of Alcatraz. If not, the film is showing later tonight. Meanwhile, meet Alex Torbet, who has spent most of his life sentence in a Scottish prison breeding fish. It is more than a way of filling time. Torbet has been working with scientists from Stirling Univerity on a project to improve food production in the Third World. His absorbing interest is a fish called tilapia. It lives in fresh and salt water, eats anything and is rich in protein. When people in Bangladesh were repelled by the unpleasant grey colour, Torbet developed an attractive golden variety. He is due for release soon but it seems unlikely he will be able to continue his work outside.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Gwynne Roberts's report is about a substance called red mercury. If half what he says about it is true we should be shaking in our shoes. According to Western governments, including our own, red mercury is a hoax. But this is not April 1 and Roberts is not kidding. Thanks to red mercury, he asserts, the Russians are able to make nuclear bombs that would fit inside a briefcase and for the fraction of the cost of conventional nuclear weapons. Moreover, this technology is now on sale to non-nuclear countries. Although most of Roberts's information comes from anonymous Russian sources, it is independently verified by Western scientists.

The Net
BBC2, 8.00pm

The battle between Germany's neo-Nazis and their left-wing opponents is being fought not only in the streets but on computer networks. The German far-right circulates hit lists of its enemies and offer tips on how to build bombs. Anti-Fascist hackers are destroying the material. This revelation forms one of the items in a jaunty, somewhat breathless, new magazine on computer technology. The series comes from the BBC's education department, though the emphasis appears to be as much on entertainment as instruction with three of tonight's five reports dealing with video games. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (5425665)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game (2812226) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (8755684)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7603416)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (22069348) 12.20 London Today (Teletext) and weather (3109752)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7266232)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7178023) 1.25 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (73146481)
1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show. Discussion series (s) (51853226) 2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (66526874) 2.50 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama (4738329)
3.20 ITN News headlines (3217690) 3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (3216961)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (s) (6773787) 3.40 The Riddlers (r) (3630752) 3.50 Garfield and Friends (9412684) 4.15 Three Seven Eleven. A new children's series. With Nicola Redmond, Julia Haworth and Kevin Baines. (Teletext) (143969) 4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures (r) (6960042)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1986145)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (395077)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (92665)
7.00 This Is Your Life. (Teletext) (s) (5752)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (416)
8.00 The Bill: All the Comforts of Home. A teenager found sleeping rough shows signs of a beating but she refuses to talk about it. Meanwhile police are called to a disturbance at the home of a woman who turns out to be the girl's mother. (Teletext) (4400)



Billy (Williams) haunts a nightspot (8.30pm)

8.30 September Song. Last in the drama series starring Russ Abbot and Michael Williams. (Teletext) (s) (6435)
9.00 Peak Practice. Medical drama series starring Kevin Whatley and Amanda Burton. (Teletext) (s) (3058)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (68110) 10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (401232)
10.40 The Champions League. Highlights from the final matches in the league phase of the European cup (310706)
11.40 FILM: Eyes of Laura Mars (1978) starring Faye Dunaway and Tommy Lee Jones. Thriller about a fashion photographer whose chic pictures correspond to the actions of a murderer. Directed by Irvin Kershner (899874)
1.30am Hollywood Report (s) (11578)
2.00 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (12356)
2.30 The Album Show (s) (24424)
3.30 Videofashion. Styles in leather (15443)
4.00 The Forum Presents. James Brown and B. B. King in concert (s) (76801)
5.00 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (20240)
5.30 ITN Morning News (13004). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Star Street (r) (3361481)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (17077)
9.00 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (r) (58787) 9.30 Sharky and George (r) (9797049)
9.55 California Dreams. Teenage angst series (r) (2283042) 10.20 The Adventures of Super Mario Brothers (r) (7815042)
10.40 Gamesmaster. Computer games magazine. Includes Liam Botham, son of Ian, playing Graham Gooch's cricket game (r) (s) (6718226) 11.10 The Finder. Children's drama serial (r) (5028226) 11.35 The Legend of White Fang. Animated adventures of Jack London's canine hero (r) (8815067)
12.05 House To House. Political magazine (4235706)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (r) (38684) 1.30 The Magic Roundabout (r). Followed by Mr Men, Quaq Quao and Musti (87787) 2.00 Profiles of Nature. Animals that have "adopted" humans (66432481)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. The Multiyork Traditional Stakes (2.35), the Earl of Sefton Stakes (3.05); the European Free Handicap (3.40), and the Ladbroke Racing Handicap (4.15) (29128329)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (329)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are self-confessed bullies and their victims. (Teletext) (s) (6379145) 5.50 Astronut. Animation (302990)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series that made Robin Williams a houshold name (r) (394)
6.30 A Different World. American campus comedy. (Teletext) (s) (874)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (478226) 7.50 Comment. (Teletext) (632226)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (2042)



Dr Barham on the microwave oven (8.30pm)

8.30 Food File. Includes members of Camra, the beer-buffs organisation, on a trip to help to save the Czech brewery Budweiser from the influence of its American counterpart; and Dr Peter Barham explains the mysteries of a popular kitchen appliance. (Teletext) (s) (4077)
9.00 CHOICE Dispatches. (Teletext) (295856)
9.45 The French Connection: French Letters. Nick Danziger reports from the Vosges in France, the scene of the unsolved murder of a four-year-old a decade ago. (Teletext) (s) (167023)
10.00 Cheers. A repeat of the final episode of the Boston bar comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (2340145)
11.25 Absolutely. Comedy with a Celtic bent (r) (Teletext) (s) (784597)
11.55 Flying Blind. Comedy series (s) (936431)
12.25am L.A. Law. Courtroom drama series (3020676)
1.30 FILM: Dancing in the Dark (1985) starring Martha Henry and Neil Munro. A psychological drama following the breakdown of a housewife that eventually leads to murder. Directed by Leon Marr (357040). Ends at 3.20

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (FM only) 7.00 Steve Wright 9.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Emma Freud 2.00 Mark Goodier 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Windbags 9.30 Antiques Records Roadshow 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Debbie Thrower 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 Barn Dance 8.30 Lucie Skeaping's Early Music 9.00 Alex Pascall's Caribbean Cocktail 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night 10.00 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00-5.00am Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 News in German 6.03 Morgenmagazin, incl Tips für Touristen 6.27 News in German 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf: The Confessions of St Augustine 8.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Rock 'n' Rice 9.30 Megamix 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Truth to Tell 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 A Dip in the Paint Pot 1.45 Sport 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Confessions of St Augustine 3.45 Good Books 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.35 Haute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 6.00 News 6.05 World Business Report 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Assignment 10.00 News 11.05 World Business Report 11.15 SportMidnight Newsdesk 12.30am Multitrack 2 1.00 News 1.15 Ray on Record 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farming World 3.00 News 3.30 Sport 4.00 News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Richard Astbury 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons live from Tokyo 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Malcolm Arnold (Guitar Concerto) 3.00 Petroc Trelawny 6.00 Sarah Ward presents Classic Reports 7.00 Book Browse 8.00 Evening Concert: See Choice 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00-6.00am Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono 10.00 Richard Skinner 1.00pm Graham Dene 4.00 Wendy Lloyd 7.00 N.J. Williams 10.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Tommy Rivers

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8755684) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (3109752) 1.55 A Country Practice (69417394) 2.20-2.50 Gardening Time (66445955) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (3216961) 5.10-5.40 Swot or Wot? (1986145) 6.00 Home and Away (383348) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (799416) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather (401232) 11.40 Weekend of Terror (382936) 1.00am Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4886375) 1.35 Moving Violations (697714) 3.10 The Album Show (7807066) 4.05 Jobfinder (80057085) 4.30-5.30 Sport AM (71356)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8755684) 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (3109752) 1.55 Shortland Street (69417394) 2.20 Gardening Time (66445955) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (4738329) 3.25-3.30 Central News (3216961) 5.10-5.40 Swot or Wot? (1986145) 6.00 Home and Away (383348) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (799416) 11.40 Bodies of Evidence (527329) 12.40am First Cut (2763795) 1.05 Hollywood Report (2057917) 1.35 The Album Show (3906337) 2.30 Cue the Music (2372337) 3.25 BPM (7820917) 4.20 Jobfinder (3427066) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (6470153)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 Country Practice (69417394) 2.20-2.50 Gardening Time (66445955) 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (1986145) 5.55 Home and Away (898689) 6.25-7.00 HTV News (799416) 11.40 Weekend of Terror (382936) 1.00am Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4886375) 1.35 Moving Violations (697714) 3.10 The Album Show (7807066) 4.05 Jobfinder (80057085) 4.30-5.30 Sport AM (71356)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV News (8755684) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News and Weather (3109752) 3.25-3.30 HTV News (3216961) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (799416) 10.30-10.40 HTV News and Weather (401232)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8755684) 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (3109752) 1.55 Country Practice (69417394) 2.20 Travel Trails (66445955) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (4738329) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (752) 6.30-7.00 The Village (232) 11.40 Along the South Downs Way (420135) 12.10am-1.30 Plunge into Darkness (4412375) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (20240)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69417394) 2.20-2.50 The De Medici Kitchen (66445955) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (826481) 6.30-7.00 Talkabout (232) 11.40 Brits Backstage Pass (527329) 12.40am Kojak (4239269) 1.35 Hollywood Report (3005646) 2.05 Videofashion (4197917) 2.35 The Album Show (2385801) 3.36 Noisy Mothers (6949424) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (71356)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry Latest (8755684) 12.20pm-12.30 Westcountry Latest (3109752) 1.55 Take the High Road (51853226) 2.25-2.55 Westcountry Focus: The West at Work (66444226) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry Latest (3216961) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (92665) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry Latest (401232) 11.40 Weekend of Terror (382936) 1.00am Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4886375) 1.35 Moving Violations (697714) 3.10 The Album Show (7807066) 4.05 Jobfinder (80057085) 4.30-5.30 Sport AM (71356)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69417394) 2.20-2.50 The De Medici Kitchen (66445955) 5.55 Calendar (826481) 6.30-7.00 Talkabout (232) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (401232) 11.40 Darts: The 1994 UK Matchplay (527329) 12.40am Kojak (4239269) 1.35 Hollywood Report (3005646) 2.05 Videofashion (4197917) 2.35 The Album Show (2385801) 3.36 Noisy Mothers (6949424) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (71356)

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RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Acting Cleopatra 6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Dvořák (Nocturne in B, Op 40); Brahms (Rhapsody in B, Op 79); Monteverdi (Vespers — excerpt); Chopin (Polonaise in A, Op 53); Martucci (Tarantella, Op 44); Ibert (Overture de fête)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Berg
10.00 Midweek Choice, including Bloch (Sacred Service, Parts 2 and 3); 10.20 Beethoven (Notturno, Op 42); 11.30 Mendelssohn (How Beautiful are the Feet, St Paul)
12.00 Haydn and Françaix: Ulster Orchestra under En Shao (r)
1.00pm News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, with the Fine Arts Brass Ensemble
2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish SO under David Davies performs Stravinsky, McLeod, and Arnold
3.00 Record Review, including Building a Library (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong live from St George's Church, Hanover Square, London
5.00 The Music Machine: Angela Miles is a student of the oboe and cor anglais
5.15 In Tune, including Wylkynson (Jesus autem transiens)
6.00 Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall, London, with the London Winds under Michael Collins
7.00 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen
7.30 Brazilians: The Sixteen Choir and Orchestra perform a concert of Brazilian colonial music
9.20 Shakespeare's Sonnets
9.35 A Night at the Opera: Rossini (Overture, The Barber of Seville); Wagner (Isolde's Liebestod); Ligeti (Mysteries of the Macabre); Bizet (Suite, Carmen)
10.20 Your Rockaby (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine reviews *Butterfly Kiss*
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Alban Berg Quartet and Philippe Entremont, piano

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only) (r)
10.00-10.30 News; The Wodehouse Letters (FM only): See Choice
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Bolt (4/5) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Rehearsing Violetta, by Paul M. Levitt. Rehearsing the lead role in Verdi's *La traviata* proves to be emotionally exhausting for Margie and her family
2.45 Just a Job: Edinburgh postman Jim Cameron
3.00-5.00 Test Match Special (LW only): West Indies v England
3.00 Anderson Country (FM only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM) reviews the new films
4.45 Short Story (FM only): Beyond Vigilance, by Dilys Rose. Read by Lesley Mackie
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55-10.05 Test Match Special (LW only): Further coverage
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)
6.30 Counterpoint (FM only)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (FM)
7.20 I Could Have Died (FM only)
7.45 All in the Mind (FM only) (r)
8.15 Costing the Earth (FM only)
8.45 Who Sings the Hero? (FM only) (2/6) (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (FM only) (r)
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Uncle Fred in the Springtime
11.00 Discursive Excursions (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
11.30 Postcard from Gotham (FM only), with Mark Steyn (r)
12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping

CHOICE

The Wodehouse Letters. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*
Tony Staveacre's trilogy about the peerless "P.G." is essentially epistolary, though much valuable biographical information comes from others. In this first programme, the witnesses are his son Edward and the venerable Frances Donaldson, who was at school with Wodehouse's adopted daughter Leonora. "P.G.'s" letters to Leonora touch on matters such as the happy fruits of fame, a leaking puppy, the ghastliness of foreign parts (specially the French Riviera), and the words of a school song with which "P.G." had intended to ruffle Bertie Wooster's feathers. The ruffling, alas, never happened.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*
Classic FM's Japan Week has featured some remarkable Japanese musicians, and we have heard concerts that were recorded in their country of origin. But works by Japanese composers have been conspicuously absent. Until now. The names on tonight's programme include that of Japan's best-known composer, Toru Takemitsu. Julian Bream, guitar, and the City of Birmingham SO under Simon Rattle perform his *To the Edge of Dreams*. **Peter Davalle**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (51626042) 8.45 Cartoons (8648936) 9.30 Card Sharks (5515752) 9.55 Concentration (5523771) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (2143400) 10.30 The Urban Peasant (70351) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (50706) 12.00 Paradise Beach (98961) 12.30pm E Street (37706) 1.00 Barnaby Jones (25661) 2.00 Lace (22481) 3.00 Another World (8479619) 3.50 DJ Kat Show (9275058) 5.00 Star Trek (6023) 6.00 Paradise Beach (9416) 6.30 E Street (7868) 7.00 Commercial Break (7752) 7.30 M*A*S*H (6752) 8.00 Dieppe: concluding the two-part mini-series (84874) 10.00 Star Trek (70481) 11.00 The Untouchables (68771) 12.00 The Streets of San Francisco (50882) 1.00am Night Court (75375) 1.30-2.00 Totally Hidden Video (95627)

SKY NEWS
6.00am Sunrise Europe (34329) 9.30 ABC Nightline (88400) 10.30 Fashion TV (21435) 11.30 Japan Business (81665) 12.30pm News and Business (29023) 1.30 CBS News (20752) 2.30 Parliament Live (12077) 4.30 News and Business (3665) 5.00 Live at Five (918619) 7.30 Fashion TV (4394) 9.30 Talkback (42684) 11.30 CBS News (22771) 12.30am ABC News (37191) 1.30 Fashion TV (92375) 2.30 Those Were the Days (20795) 3.30 Talkback (25240) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (20646) 5.30-6.00 CBS News (50356)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (21529313)
10.00 Bingo (1991): The adventures of a little boy and his pet dog (35394)
12.00 The Great Waldo Pepper (1974). The story of aviation pioneers in 1920s America, with Robert Redford (36684)
2.00pm Ghost Chase (1988). A teenager and the ghost of his grandfather's butler become friends. With Jason Lively (15481)
3.30 Lord Jim (1964). Joseph Conrad's novel about a sailor whose life is blighted by an accusation of cowardice (78656706)
6.05 Bingo (as 10am) (52245232)
8.00 City of Joy (1992): An American doctor works at a clinic in Calcutta. Stars Patrick Swayze and Pauline Collins (84853874)
10.15 The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish (1991): A photographer's model begins to believe that he is Christ. Surreal Franco-British comedy (380394)
11.45 Party Favors (1990): Redundant strippers deliver pizza (481077)
1.15am Bruce the Superhero (1984): Bruce Le martial arts thriller (355443)
2.45 China White (1990). Rival gangs of heroin dealers clash in Amsterdam (247269)
4.20-5.45 Ghost Chase (as 2pm) (784153)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Move Over, Darling (1963) With Doris Day and James Garner (41961)
8.00 Critters (1986): Toothy aliens attach humans. With Dee Wallace Stone (53706)
10.00 The Lords of Discipline (1983): A military academy's first black recruit is victimised (755706). Ends at 11.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Harvey Middleman Fireman (1965). Comedy (70338955)
7.45 Don Quixote (1987): Cartoon (638503)
8.45 Puss in Boots: Animation (694752)
9.45 Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-Stop Café (1992): Jessica Tandy unfolds the story of a lifelong friendship between two women (96624416)
12.00 Wild Is the Wind (1957) A Nevada sheep farmer marries his sister-in-law, who in turn falls for the man's son (34226)
2.00pm The Pumpkin Eater (1964): A woman is devastated by her husband's infidelities. Stars Anne Bancroft (65503)
4.00 Don Quixote (as 7.45am) (5753416)
4.55 Puss in Boots (as 8.45am) (5852139)
5.50 Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-Stop Café (as 9.45am) (93868435)
8.00 Deceived (1991): Goldie Hawn's late husband led a dual life (84684)
10.00 Ricochet (1991): John Lithgow sets out to ruin the life of Denzel Washington who put him behind bars (139139)
11.45 Toy Soldiers (1991): Pupils at an American prep school are taken hostage by a South American drugs baron (358597)
1.40am Deadly Game (1991): A millionaire plays with the lives of visitors to his private island. With Roddy McDowall (503601)
3.15 Judgment (1990): Parents suspect that the popular new priest at their local church is abusing their son (373849). Ends at 4.45

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (93481) 7.30 Soccer (9397400) 7.45 WWF (2059400) 8.30 Trucks 'n' Tractors (17892) 9.00 Prime Bodies (92232) 9.30 Get Your Handicap Down (46597) 10.00 Baseball (63752) 10.30 Motorcycle (55752) 12.00 German Football (32348) 1.00pm Football (45868) 2.00 American Sports (64481) 3.00 Cricket (60955) 5.00 Netbusters (5138416) 5.30 Soccer (8451145) 5.35 Cricket (as 3pm) (39208139) 10.30 Soccer (683874) 10.45 Basketball (618329) 12.45am Rugby Union (709820) 1.15 Soccer (706733) 1.45-2.15 Sportsworld (705004)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (99484) 8.00 Figure Skating (51961) 10.00 Body Building (99428) 11.00 Football (89232) 12.00 Football (27416) 1.00pm Rally Raid (90348) 1.30 Triathlon (68936) 2.30 Surf World Cup (95787) 3.30 Snowboarding (80690) 4.30 Athletics (44077) 5.30 Equestrian Events (38936) 6.30 News (6394) 7.00 Boxing (12874) 8.30 Rally Raid (5435) 9.00 Motors (99918) 10.00 Football (76145) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (97801)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1691752) 7.30 Neighbours (1783787) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (2133139) 8.30 EastEnders (2125110) 9.00 The Bill (2212690) 9.30 Juliet Bravo (8662313) 10.30 The Brothers (9159787) 11.30 The Sullivans (3582042) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (2136226) 12.30pm Neighbours (3722110) 1.00 EastEnders (1890023) 1.30 The Bill (3721481) 2.00 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (4217313) 2.30 Get Some In! (9794426) 3.00 Knots Landing (3666058) 4.00 Dynasty (3572665) 5.00 Every Second Counts (8485771) 5.40 The Goodies (8188503) 5.55 Sykes (2336706) 6.30 EastEnders (5390067) 7.00 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (4391329) 7.30 Get Some In! (3495431) 8.00 Juliet Bravo (9611684) 9.00 Nancy Astor (9804348) 10.00 The Bill (2137955) 10.30 Three of a Kind (1579333) 11.10 Kenny Everett (7989416) 11.50 Dr Who (5900058) 12.15am FILM: The Clay Pigeon (1949, b/w): A sailor is accused of treason (30828627) 1.20 Videos (6424397)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan I (49787) 6.30 Baber (52787) 7.00 Paddy (8807145) 7.15 Tic Tac Toons (222706) 7.45 Beverly Hills Teens (4097954) 8.10 Head to Head (5226400) 8.15 You Can't Do That on TV (575435) 8.45 Pastagums (7251961) 9.00 It's Droibee Time (58435) 10.00 Nellie the Elephant (81787) 11.00 RatKan II (21619) 11.30 Baber (22348) 12.00 Paddy (5959874) 12.15pm Tic Tac Toons (844077) 12.45 Beverly Hills Teens (6811348) 1.10 Head to Head (29452619) 1.15 You Can't Do That on TV (833961) 1.45 Pastagums (64432597) 2.00 Barney and Friends (9394) 2.30 Blinky Bill (4955) 3.00 RatKan I (1329) 3.30 Casper and Friends (5426868) 3.55 Head to Head (3041145) 4.00 Beakman's World (1435) 4.30-5.00 Saved by the Bell (7819)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Earthfile (2045690) 4.30 Nature Watch (6645954) 5.00 Challenge of the Seas (4302435) 5.30 The Secrets of Treasure Islands (7984446) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (3738771) 7.00 Predators (9906706) 8.00 Ambulance! (4309619) 8.30 A Fork in the Road (4214226) 9.00 Discovery Science (9895690) 10.00 Riding the Tiger (9905077) 11.00 Azimuths (3571936) 11.30-12.00 A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (6666868)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Birthday Present (1957, b/w): Tony Britton is accused of smuggling (6244787) 1.50pm Dodo (83725684) 2.00 FILM: All Over Town (1937, b/w): Vaudevillians Olson and Johnson save a theatre from closure (79056810) 3.15 Art Linkletter (9811139) 3.30 David Niven (6449351) 4.00 The Mothers-in-Law (8445936) 4.30 My Three Sons (1594400) 5.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (4399961) 5.30 Hogan's Heroes (7899892) 6.00 Honey West (3258565) 6.30 Scotland Yard (7095495) 7.00 Bonanza (9993232) 8.00 The Avengers (9806752) 9.00 FILM: The Witches (1966): Hammer horror (53270232) 10.45 Art Linkletter (1716955) 11.00 Get Smart (3664690) 11.30-12.00 Donny and Marie (6673394)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living Highlights (1118400) 8.00 The Treatment (8180023) 8.30 First Time Garden (8189394) 9.00 Dr Ruth (8276874) 9.30 Days of Our Lives (1331752) 10.30 Young and the Restless (9631313) 11.30 Take Six Cooks (4783023) 12.00 Stars and Signs (84985961) 12.15pm Practical Living (56845139) 12.30 Housecalls (7731936) 1.00 Home Show (2886042) 1.30 Crosswits (7836435) 2.00 Agony Hour (3856936) 3.00 Living (3869874) 3.45 Gladrags and Glamour (64526503) 4.00 Definition (2718416) 4.30 Infatuation (2634400) 5.00 Musiquest (2346145) 5.30 Practical Living (6380459) 5.45 Kilroy (8682868) 6.30 Marco (2719145) 7.00 Definition (2253481) 7.30 That's Amore (2715329) 8.00 Young and the Restless (4301961) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (4225597) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (4226684) 11.00 That's Amore (4870503) 11.30 Infatuation (3957619) 12.00 Agony Hour (4490068)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (6874) 5.30 Zorro (8771) 6.00 Trivial Pursuit (5684) 6.30 Catchphrase (6936) 7.00 All Clued Up (3110) 7.30 The Pyramid Game (8348) 8.00 Evening Shade (2058) 8.30 GP (8665) 9.00 Perfect Scoundrels (62400) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit (59597) 10.30 Rhoda (31145) 11.00 Lou Grant (82416) 12.00-1.00am Remington Steele (46240)

TNT
Theme: Howard Keel Birthday Tribute
7.00pm Jupiter's Darling (1954). Musical set in ancient Rome (63599787)
8.50 Lovely to Look At (1952): Musical set in Paris. With Red Skelton (65773690)
10.50 Kismet (1955): Arabian nights musical, with Ann Blyth (12825139)
12.55pm Texas Carnival (1951). A penniless carnival man is mistaken for a millionaire. With Esther Williams (70124397)
2.20 Callaway Went Thataway (1951): A spoof of the *Hopalong Cassidy* television series (23609066). Ends at 5.00

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Vice-captain leads advance to put West Indies on retreat

Stewart's century inspires England

FROM ALAN LEE IN BRIDGETOWN

ALEC Stewart's advance upon the record books was troubled, tortuous but ultimately triumphant here in Barbados yesterday. Midway through the penultimate afternoon of this fourth Test, he became the first Englishman to complete two centuries in a match against West Indies. Largely through his deeds, the prospect of a momentous England victory remained healthy and the threat of defeat was pushed into the distance.

Stewart had endured 34 innings without a Test century before this match. Now he has two in succession and an achievement unequalled in 108 Tests between England and West Indies. One Indian and two Australians precede him, though Colin Cowdrey could hardly have come closer in Jamaica 34 years ago. He made 114 in the first innings and still swears that his second-innings 96 was shorn of an edged four, credited to legbyes.

Perhaps Stewart never will aspire to the heights of Cowdrey, though after this he must never again be underestimated, much less compromised with wicketkeeping gloves. The finishing touch, after more than 12 hours' unbending concentration over two innings, was characteristic. He struck a square-driven four off the back foot, then performed an involuntary skip of delight before ripping off his helmet and throwing both arms aloft.

As if in celebration, or maybe a release of tension, he followed with two more fours off a world-weary Curtly Ambrose, to the deafening delight of the previously subdued English half of the crowd. Runs now came at an unseemly rush. England's lead approached 400 and West Indian heads drooped, all symbolic of the latest, perhaps decisive shift in a turbulent Test match which had been unbearably tense through yesterday's first session.

Imagine a team unwilling to believe they can be beaten against a team scarcely daring to believe they can win and you have the scene. England, on top but anxious not to push too hard or too soon, shadow-boxed with a West Indian side sustained more by reputation than reason.

England set out with the priority of reaching lunch with specialist batsmen intact. Runs were considered a bonus. In the event, they made just 53, of which Stewart's input was a mere 13, but they would happily have settled for that on two grounds: the solitary casualty was Graeme Hick and the pitch, hitherto faithful of pace and bounce, had changed colour and character during the rest day.

Greener now, and four days old, it was prone to the evil low bounce that has decided many a recent Test match here in West Indies' favour. Both Stewart and Hick needed a generous share of fortune to get by, especially against a visibly motivated Courtney Walsh. Dismayed when a leg-before appeal against Hick found no favour with umpire Lloyd Barker, Walsh was inconsolable when Stewart survived a shout for a catch behind off the inside edge. He was on 67 and it was a decision of incalculable significance by the very umpire who outraged England on this ground, four years ago, with a dubious verdict against Robert Bailey.

Ambrose looked more interested than on Sunday but wickets still eluded him. A scream of anguish accompanied a ball which strayed to leg; generally, Curtly was not at his cheeriest. But for Hick, too, it was a painful struggle and as the last over of the first hour began, he was still on his overnight 52. Then came seven off two balls from Ambrose and, almost immediately, he was gone, well caught low down at first slip off the deserving Walsh.

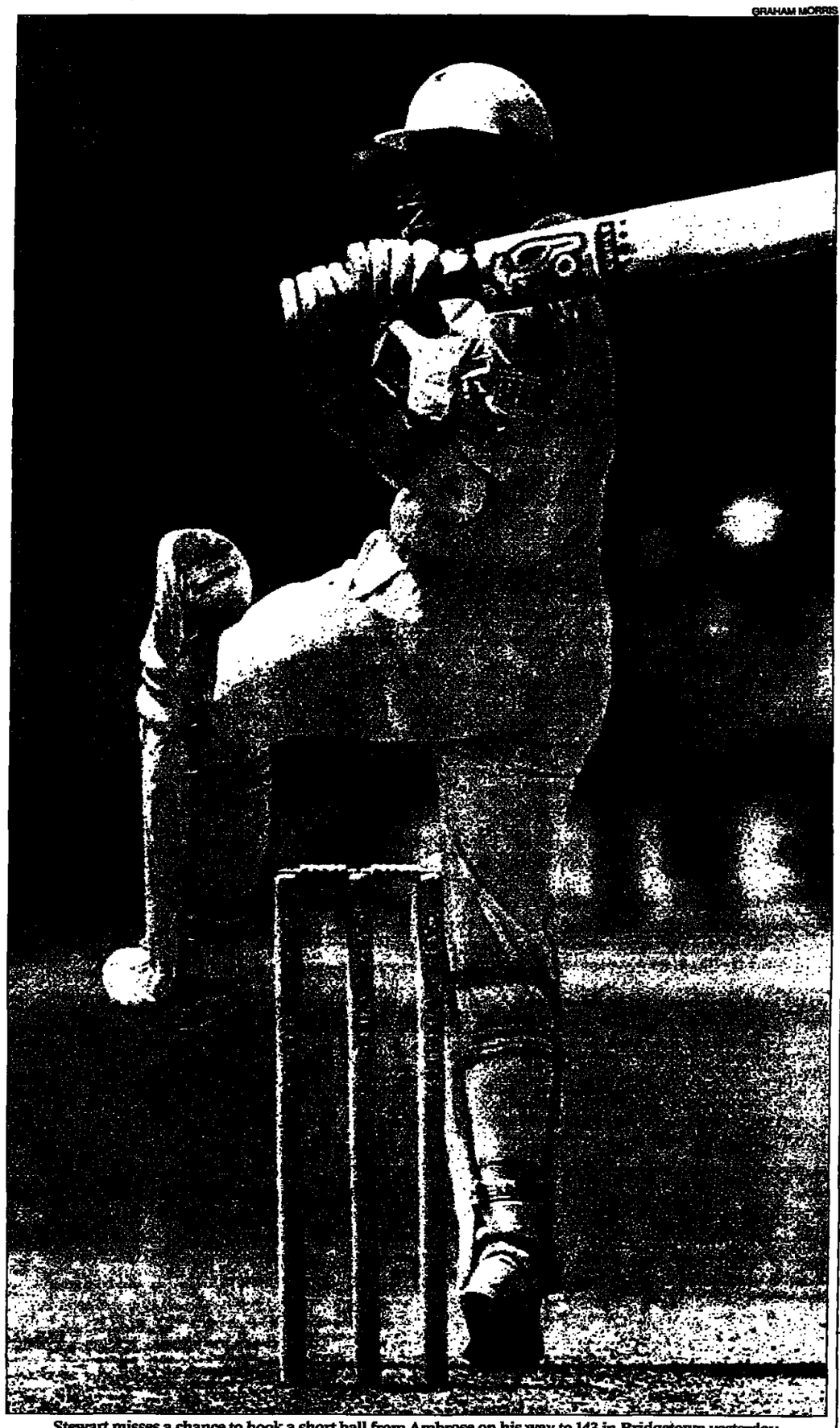
Despite the fourth-wicket stand of 115, England's lead was only 245. They were far from secure, yet Graham Thorpe chose this pivotal moment to play his most authoritative innings for England, one which may now gain him promotion to the problematical No 3 position. He kept the score moving while Stewart was rooted for 48 minutes on 73, then played a positive role as the innings changed up at least two gears after lunch.

The first hour of the day had yielded 23 reluctant runs, the second only 30. But 81 came in the third, the two Surrey men playing with impressive fluency, and for once Richie Richardson seemed to have no clue how to stem the flow.

Ambrose soldiered on as the new ball lost its hardness but almost the last straw for him came when Stewart was caught, mistiming a pull, off a no-ball. Ambrose did not need telling that it had happened before, on Sunday afternoon when England were 94 for three and the game was wide open. By the time Stewart wearily played on against Walsh, he had made 143 in eight hours and the game was beyond West Indian recall.

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GRAHAM MORRIS



Stewart misses a chance to hook a short ball from Ambrose on his way to 143 in Bridgetown yesterday

TWO HUNDREDS

England players to score two separate hundreds in a Test:

A C Russell v South Africa (1923)
140 and 111
H Sutcliffe v Australia (1925)
176 and 127
W R Hammond v Australia (1929)
119 not out and 177
H Sutcliffe v South Africa (1929)
104 and 109 not out
E Paynter v South Africa (1938)
117 and 100
D C S Compton v Australia (1947)
147 and 103 not out
G A Gooch v India (1990)
333 and 123.
A J Stewart v West Indies (1994)
118 and 143

THE TIMES
FIRST CLASS XI
Canon
Entries for our cricket game, First Class XI, must be in by noon today but there is still time to enter.
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ENGLAND: First Innings 355 (A J Stewart 118, M A Atherton 85; C E L Ambrose 4 for 86).

Second Innings

*M A Atherton c Lara b Walsh	15
A J Stewart b Walsh	143
M R Ramprakash c Chanderpaul b Walsh	3
R A Smith lbw b K Benjamin	13
G A Hick c Lara b Walsh	59
G P Thorpe not out	70
†R C Russell not out	5
Extras	49
Total (5 wkts)	357

C C Lewis, A R Caddick, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-43, 3-79, 4-194, 5-344.

Stewart's 100: 272min, 423 balls, 12 fours.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 304 (S Chanderpaul 77; A R C Fraser 8 for 75).

Umpires: L H Barker and D B Hair.

Match referee: J R Reid.

PREVIOUS MATCHES: first Test (Jamaica): West Indies won by eight wickets; second Test (Guyana): West Indies won by an innings and 44 runs; third Test (Trinidad): West Indies won by 147 runs.

MATCH TO COME: April 16 to 21: Fifth Test, Antigua.

Favourites seek home advantage in semi-finals

BY KEITH PIKE

BARCELONA and AC Milan, the favourites to contest the European Cup final in Athens on May 18, go into their final Champions' League matches tonight knowing a draw will be good enough to secure top position in their groups and home advantage in the semi-finals. Both, though, will have to be somewhere near their best for they travel — Barcelona to AS Monaco and Milan to FC Porto — to face the teams that can, by beating them, overtake them at the top of group A and group B.

"Whoever plays the semi-final at home [on April 27] has a 70 per cent chance of playing in the final, so we must not let this opportunity escape," José Baquero, the Barcelona captain, said yesterday.

Barcelona beat Monaco 2-0 in the Nou Camp in December, although the French side has done better than expected after being summoned to replace Marseilles, who were stripped of the European Cup in disgrace after allegations of bribery.

"We were hurt by comments after that match saying we weren't in the same league," Enzo Scifo, Monaco's Belgian playmaker, said. "This time we want to win. We've got nothing to lose and we will not be happy with a draw." Monaco's chances will be improved if Romario, Barcelona's Brazilian forward, is ruled out because of a back injury; they may be improved even further if Jürgen Klinsmann, their German forward, has decided to leave the club on a high, trophy-winning note before he heads for pastures new in the summer. Klinsmann was yesterday reported to have agreed terms with Sampdoria.

After their 5-0 win over Werder Bremen in Germany a fortnight ago, Bobby Robson, the Porto coach, believes his side can overcome Milan, but the former England manager will be without at least two of his leading players. Both Kostadinov, whose goal for Bulgaria eliminated France from the World Cup, and Secretario are suspended, while Semedo and João Pinto, the captain, are fighting to shrug off injuries. At least Robson can call on his goalkeeper, Vitor Baia, widely regarded as one of the best in Europe, who has recovered from a thigh strain.

"I am confident," Robson said. "We have got the motivation to defeat Milan."

Fabio Capello, the Milan coach, will make two changes from the side that virtually secured the Italian league title with a 0-0 draw at Torino on Saturday, recalling Desailly, the France midfield player, in place of Carbone and dropping Papin in favour of Massaro in attack. Winners in 1989 and 1990, Milan need one point from their three remaining games to retain the title.

There is little for the other Champions' League teams to play for other than pride — and the little matter of the £215,000 awarded by Uefa, the European game's governing body, for each point earned in the competition. In Werder Bremen's case, however, money does not come into it.

"We want to bid farewell in style and make up for the disaster against Porto," the German club's defender, Dietmar Beiersdorfer, said yesterday. The 5-0 defeat Bremen suffered against the Portuguese clearly still hurts. Anderlecht, in turn, will be looking to reverse the course of the sides' first encounter when Bremen overturned a 3-0 half-time deficit to win 5-3. In Group A, Galatasaray meet Spartak Moscow.

Parma, seeking to become the first team to successfully defend the Cup-Winners' Cup, will have to overturn a 2-1 deficit against Benfica in the second leg of their semi-final without the brilliant Colombian striker, Faustino Asprilla. Both he and the Parma captain, Minotti, are suspended.

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	5	3	2	0	12	3	8
Monaco	5	3	1	1	9	3	7
S Moscow	5	0	3	2	4	11	3
Galatasaray	5	0	2	3	0	8	2

Tonight: Galatasaray v Spartak Moscow; Monaco v Barcelona.

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Milan	5	2	3	0	6	2	7
FC Porto	5	3	0	2	10	6	6
Anderlecht	5	1	2	2	4	7	4
W Bremen	5	1	1	3	9	14	3

Tonight: Anderlecht v Werder Bremen; FC Porto v AC Milan.



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4 Stomach (7)
8 Narrow strip of land (7)
9 Top room (5)
10 Value (5)
11 Surrounded by admirers (6)
13 Owing money (2,4)
15 Land for crops (6)
18 Yelp with pain (6)
20 Flight of bees (5)
22 Cheap wine . . . (5)
23 . . . affected by 22 (7)
24 Trudge (7)
25 Available cash (5)

DOWN

1 Member of board of three (8)
2 Aged to perfection (7)
3 Forgive; send (money) (5)
4 Take for granted (6)
5 More dingy (7)
6 Bishop's hat (5)
7 Audacity; short distance (4)
12 End of the line (8)
14 Leave school; smash (5,2)
16 Ferns (7)
17 Acquire feathers (6)
19 Assigned quantity (5)
20 Powdered tobacco (5)
21 Rotisserie (4)

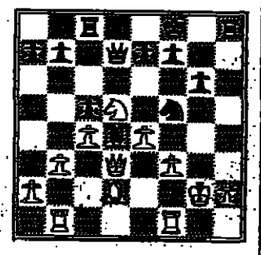
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By Raymond Keene

Today's problem is from the game Hjartarson - Ljubojevic, Linares 1988. In this quiet-looking middlegame position, Black has a surprising shot which forces immediate resignation. Can you see it?



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By Philip Howard

VARANGIAN
a. A South Indian language
b. A Northern rover
c. Tamil bride-price

YLEM
a. An Eastern perfume tree
b. Lame in Old English
c. Primordial substance

ACOLAUST
a. Unburnable, unburot
b. Punishment rations
c. A pleasure-seeker

BATHYBIUS
a. A legendary liar
b. A type of paradox
c. Oceanic slime

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